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RENTS BILL WITHDRAWN.

TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

SOME IMPORTANT ADDITIONS SUGGESTED.

Contrary to general expectations, the Bill to amend the Rents Ordinances was this afternoon withdrawn at the Legislative Council meeting, in order that a proposed new Section might be reconstructed. According to the agenda, the acting Attorney General (Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.) was to have moved the first reading of the amending Bill, which was designed to continue the restrictive law for a further year, but on a basis whereby landlords were permitted to increase standard rentals by 15 per cent.

SUGGESTED NEW PROVISIONS.

Since the publication of the draft Ordinance last week, a proposed new Section had been inserted in the Bill. This Section, which was proposed to take the place of Section 3A in the draft Ordinance, contained some important provisions—namely, that landlords have to give notice of their intention to increase rents; that they must, in giving such notice, state the standard rent of the premises; that if they fail to increase the rents as from June 30th, they cannot impose any increase after that date; and that they cannot make more than one increase. A penalty was also suggested for mis-statements regarding standard rents. The necessity of re-drafting this new Section, however, resulted in the Bill being withdrawn to-day. It will be submitted in new form at next week's meeting.

NOTICE TO INCREASE.

A statement attached to the proposed new Section explained that Clause 1 thereof differed from Clause 3A in the draft Bill in the following particulars:—In substituting for the previous words "in the case of a domestic tenement the rent of which is payable by the calendar month or as from the 20th day of July, 1925, in the case of a domestic tenement the rent of which is payable by the lunar month" the words "notwithstanding that such date does not coincide with the last day of any period of time in respect of which such rent is payable." This substitution which was rendered necessary by the fact that some premises are let by the quarter and some by the calendar month will have the effect of making the 30th day of June, 1925, the date for the increase of the rent "provided that the lessor has given to the lessee at least two weeks notice in writing of his intention to increase the rent, in accordance with the provisions of this section, which notice shall state the standard rent and also the percentage by which the lessor intends to increase the standard rent." The last quoted proviso (it was explained) had been inserted in the amended draft because it was felt that the lessor ought to give notice to the lessee of his intention to increase the rent and that such notice should state the standard rent and also the percentage by which the lessor intends to increase such standard rent. In connection with such

percentage it was pointed out that the amended draft section like the previous draft had been specially framed so as to make it permissive for a landlord to increase his rent and so as to leave the amount of the increase of such rent (within the prescribed limit of 15 per cent.) within the option of the landlord.

ONLY ONE INCREASE.

Clause 2 of the proposed new Section read as follows:—"Nothing in this section shall entitle any lessor during the currency of any written lease of any domestic tenement, for a definite and unexpired term, which was executed on or before the 31st day of December, 1920, or during the currency of a lease entered into after the 30th day of June, 1925, to any rent higher than the rent reserved in such lease. If any domestic tenement shall be first let after the 30th day of June, 1925, the standard rent thereof shall not be increased."

This suggested new clause was explained as follows:—(i) The words "or from such later date as the landlord may think fit" are inserted so as to prevent any argument from being raised that the landlord is bound to raise his rent as from the 30th day of June 1925, and that if he fails to do so from that precise date his option to raise the rent cannot be exercised as from a later date; (ii) The words "notwithstanding the existence of any lease or implied tenancy at the day of notice hereinafter referred to" are inserted so as to show that no notice to quit need be given under any such lease or implied tenancy prior to the increase of the standard rate; (iii) The words "only one such increase of rent may be made" are inserted with a two-fold object, first for the purpose of showing that the lessor can only increase his rent once and for all, i.e., that he cannot increase it say first of all by 10% and then by a further 5%, and secondly for the purpose of showing that the 15% increase of rent cannot be repeated on a change of tenant.

NEW PENALTY.

Clause 3 of the proposed new Section read thus:—"Any lessor who, in any such notice as aforesaid, incorrectly states the standard rent of any domestic tenement shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and shall forfeit his right to any such increase of rent as aforesaid."

BILL WITHDRAWN.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Council, Sir Henry Pollock drew attention to the above suggestions, which were attached to the draft Bill, and stated that some of these would be incorporated in the measure. It had, however, been decided that the question should again come up at the next meeting of the Council. In the meantime, he asked leave to withdraw the Bill. The Bill was accordingly withdrawn.

OPIUM CONTROL.

NO RATIFICATION YET.

London, May 13. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. G. Looker-Lampson said the convention concluded by the second opium conference remains open to signature until September 30th, and can only be ratified after that date. No state had yet ratified the agreement concluded by the first conference. The British Government hoped to do so shortly, but it was necessary first to consult certain British protectorates.—*Reuter.*

GOLD STANDARD BILL.

ITALIAN AVIATOR'S PROGRESS.

London, May 13. The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Gold Standard Bill without discussion.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN AVIATOR'S PROGRESS.

Akyab, May 13. Major De Pinado has arrived here, on his world flight.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM FOR CONVICTS.

GAOL-BIRDS CIRCULARISED.

Sentences aggregating twelve months' hard labour, in addition to a fine of \$12, were inflicted on Lai Yee-fung, a Chinese male, at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of attempting to pass secret correspondence between inmates of the Victoria Gaol and their relatives. The case was detailed at some length by Detective Inspector Tim Murphy, who, in applying for an exemplary sentence, stated that this was not an isolated case, but one of a number of similar offences.

The defendant, Inspector Murphy went on to say, first met Warder Peterson and then Warder Herbert Fuller, and a number of interviews occurred at the King Edward Hotel bar, at which certain proposals were brought forward by the defendant with a view to Warder Fuller acting as intermediary for opium and letters to be handed over to inmates of the Gaol and vice versa. A circular letter eventually got amongst the convicts apprising them of the new facilities placed at their disposal, and this circular letter, as well as certain other correspondence, was handed over to the police authorities. At the last interview between defendant and the warder in the King Edward Hotel, Inspector Murphy kept up an observation, and he witnessed the passing over of a bribe of \$5 from the defendant to the warder. Later the defendant was arrested whilst going away with Warder Fuller from the Hotel.

THE PEAK TRAM.

"MEAN PRACTICE" RESENTED.

We have received the following letter for publication:—

Sir,—Will you be so kind as to publish a protest in your esteemed paper against the practice of people who, instead of taking their turn when a crowd overflows the lower Peak Station, hurry up to Kennedy Road and board the tram at that point?

After the tennis this evening, there was an unusually large crowd waiting for trams, and it was most exasperating to see cars come in carrying passengers who did not alight and give seats to those entitled to them. This unsporting action nullifies the benefit the Tram Company has provided by allowing only the full complement of a car to enter into the waiting space, because those of us who had managed to qualify for the next car found that it already contained passengers who had boarded it at Kennedy Road. I should like to know the legal aspect. In any case, such practice is distinctly mean.

Hoping you will vent this matter and thanking you in anticipation,

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ROYAL WELCOME.

PRINCE AT PORT ELIZABETH.

Port Elizabeth, May 13. Every successive town visited by the Prince of Wales vies with its predecessor in the warmth of its royal welcome.

The Prince arrived to-day after a few days' recuperation on Sir Abe Bailey's farm at Colonsberg. He had a wonderful reception. The route was lavishly decorated, and lined with troops, a guard of honour being present. There were innumerable spectators amongst whom children were very prominent.—*Reuter.*

QUEEN'S PIER.

SERIOUS DELAYS.

Progress with the contract for Queen's Pier is still slow, according to a report for the quarter ended March 31st, laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon from which we take the following extracts:—

"In the agreement referred to in the last quarterly report, the contractors undertook to complete the work in three months, from the date of signature, that is, by 3rd March, but again their assurances have not been fulfilled."

"A slight improvement has been shown on the granite work but there is still a tendency towards inferior workmanship."

"At various times slight delays have been experienced in carrying out the remaining works, owing to the contractors failing to meet their financial obligations."

"The granite wall adjoining the pier has been completed and work is proceeding on cutting a chase for the roof tiles, but the progress on this is most unsatisfactory and is seriously delaying the completion of the roof to the pier."

GOOD PROGRESS.

ON NEW BUILDINGS.

Reports on the progress of various buildings were laid before the Legislative Council to-day.

The quarterly report regarding the Fire Station Building, up to March 31st, says satisfactory progress has been made.

Regarding the new Saiyungpun School it is reported that satisfactory progress has been made, and the top storey level was reached on the date of the report (March 31st). It was anticipated that the roof would be on by the end of May, but recent rains have delayed work about a month.

SIBERIA'S WEALTH.

MONEY NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

London, May 13. In conversation with Sir Charles Stewart, chairman of the Anglo-Russian Conciliation Association, Mr. Rakovsky referred to the Soviet's intention as soon as possible to proceed with the construction of a trans-siberian railway, six thousand miles in length, to traverse vast unexploited areas, in connection with which Russia would need Britain's help.

He said the immense opportunities in Siberia were allowed to remain undeveloped by the apathy, indifference and hopelessly non-constructive policy of the previous Russian Governments. Sir C. Stewart expressed his belief in Russia's fundamental honesty and straightforwardness. Everything depended on the restoration of her credit and commercial good name.—*Reuter.*

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AN EXPLOSION.

CANTON DISASTER AVERTED.

GODOWN SAVED.

News has reached Hongkong of an explosion and fire in Canton aboard a lighter which was discharging some of the consignment of Russian gasoline—an occurrence which would have involved the destruction of two godowns, including that of the Texas Oil Company, but for the prompt towing of the lighter well out into the river.

As is well known, the Canton authorities have recently imported from Vladivostok a quantity of gasoline in order to supply public needs which have not been served for some weeks owing to the imposition of a tax which the British and American importing companies consider opposed to Treaty rights. It appears that at about 10.15 o'clock yesterday morning, a lighter containing some 570 cases of this Russian gasoline was alongside a godown for the purpose of discharging the cargo when suddenly a heavy explosion occurred, following which the lighter burst into flames.

The godown into which the gasoline was being discharged is immediately adjacent to the godown of the Texas Company, and it was soon apparent that unless something were speedily done, the both premises would be in great danger of destruction. Happily, a big disaster was averted through the presence of mind of the manager of the Texas Company, who succeeded in getting the burning lighter towed out into the stream in the direction of the Macao Forts. Here the craft was left, and the cargo was still fiercely burning at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

It appears that at the time of the explosion there was only one Chinese boatman aboard the lighter. He was badly injured and is now lying at the Canton Hospital in a serious condition.

With regard to this Russian oil, we are informed that it is being sold at £17.50 (small coin) per case, which is about fifty per cent. above the prices usually charged by British and American companies.

"DUMB" MAN.

AN EXPENSIVE TALK.

Said to be dumb, an elderly Chinese made a very pathetic appearance when he was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with unlawful possession of nine and a half mace of prepared opium.

The defendant, who signified his guilt, in answer to the interpreter, by a nod of the head, was on the verge of being leniently dealt with when the Court constable informed the Magistrate that he (the constable) had had a conversation with the defendant in the cells.

His Worship after taking the constable's evidence on oath, imposed the usual fine of ten times the value of the opium, —\$114, or one month's hard labour in default.

HOLLAND AND BRITAIN.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE AIR.

London, May 13. The Dutch airman Van Der Hoop, who flew to Java, lecturing at the Royal Society of Arts on the subject of the flight, referred to his earlier difficulties of organisation. He thanked the British authorities, notably the Air Force, for useful help and hospitality. Sir Mark Sykes, presiding, said the success was no more welcome to Holland than to England. The air was bringing the nations together.—*Reuter.*

THE POST OFFICE.

BIGGER TRAFFIC RECORDED.

There was laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council the report on last year's working of the General Post Office.

The balance of revenue over expenditure for 1924 was \$435,360. The number of mail receptacles of Hongkong origin dispatched during the year was 39,574 as compared with 39,459 in 1923—an increase of 115. Receptacles in transit which were handled numbered 144,541 as against 133,498 in 1923—an increase of 11,043.

The number of registered articles handled amounted to 851,973 as compared with 808,002 in 1923. The figures for insured articles were 13,906 and 12,070 respectively. Parcels, ordinary and insured, which were dealt with reached a total of 896,195 as against 417,864 in 1923.

The Chinese delivery section shows a large increase of traffic, over 3,000,000 packages being dealt with during the year.

The revenue collected during the year from radio-telegrams amounted to \$69,496, an increase of \$23,383 on the amount collected in 1923. The number of radio-telegrams forwarded during the year was 11,270 consisting of 107,771 words against 3,469 with 40,240 words in 1923, and 12,623 were received consisting of 142,325 words as against 8,066 with 98,284 words in 1923.

NEW ORDINANCES.

TO-DAY'S FIRST READINGS.

An Ordinance to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871.

An Ordinance for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Sailors Home, Hongkong.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Mother Superior in this Colony of the Society of the "Petites Soeurs des Pauvres, St. Fern, Bretagne," commonly known as The Little Sisters of the Poor.

[The objects and reasons of these Bills have already been given publicity in our columns.]

SLAVERY IN CHINA.

ARCHBISHOP'S STATEMENT.

London, May 13.

In the House of Lords, in the course of a lengthy debate on slavery, initiated by Lord Buxton, who drew attention to slavery in Africa and the Far East, the Archbishop of Canterbury said the revelations regarding Chinese slavery were most startling. An eminent Chinese had told him that there was not the slightest difficulty anywhere in buying girls. Even in Shanghai, within the European zone of influence, slavery was rife.

The Archbishop of Canterbury added that it was high time the League of Nations was at work.—*Reuter.*

ARMS CONTAB.

PUBLICITY FOR EXPORTS.

Geneva, May 13. The general committee of the arms conference resumed discussion of article three of the draft convention and agreed on the principle of publicity for exports of war material.

The question of private manufacture was postponed until the results of the present convention could be known.

A proposal by the Egyptian delegate, that the respective countries should legislate to render effective the prohibition of export of munitions by unauthorized persons, was referred to the legal committee.—*Reuter.*

CROWN LEASES.

THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

RENEWAL PLANS.

An important issue was raised in the Legislative Council this afternoon, when the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird asked the following question in relation to Crown leases:—

"Whether, in view of the fact that many Crown Leases (particularly in Kowloon) which are for 75 years only, with no right of renewal, are now either already reached or soon will reach a point at which they can no longer be satisfactorily dealt with either by sale or mortgage for the purpose of schemes of improvement which are not only desirable, but from a public point of view advantageous, the Government will at an early date indicate its policy with regard to the terms on which it will be prepared to renew such leases either at or before the date of expiry?"

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—"Except in cases where there is reason to anticipate that land will be required for a public purpose, it is proposed to grant to applicants a new lease for seventy-five years at the current rate of Crown rent for the particular locality, renewable for a further period of seventy-five years at a re-assessed Crown rent, subject to a guarantee that the land will be developed in manner approved by the Government, and subject also to a renewal fine. As regards the renewal fine, the Government will offer such terms to individual applicants as it may think fit, having regard to the circumstances of each case. The fine will be heavier in the case of land which has never been developed than it will be in the case of land which is fully built upon. The intention is to secure the development of the land to the best possible advantage and at the same time to obtain for the Government an adequate consideration for its reversionary interest in the land under its present tenure."

NAVAL CRUISES.

EXTENSION CONSIDERED.

London, May 13. In the House of Commons, Rear Admiral Beamish asked for particulars as to the forthcoming cruise of the American battleship squadron in Australia, and whether in view of the importance of the Imperial interests in the Pacific, a cruise in those waters in the near future can be arranged for a British squadron, including battleships and an aircraft carrier.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman replied that the United States squadron would consist of eleven battleships, six cruisers, twenty-eight auxiliaries, and a number of fleet auxiliaries. It was not proposed to arrange a new Imperial cruise in view of the Special Service cruise of 1924.

Admiral Beamish asked if the decision not to send the battleships was in any way connected with the lack of docking and refitting facilities in the Pacific. He got no answer.

Sir Harry Brittain suggested that further visits by smaller sections of the navy to certain dominions and colonies be made in the near future.

Mr. Bridgeman replied that the annual programme of cruises allowed practically all the Dominions and colonies to be visited at least once a year. Every consideration would be given to additional visits within the necessary limits of expenditure.—*Reuter.*

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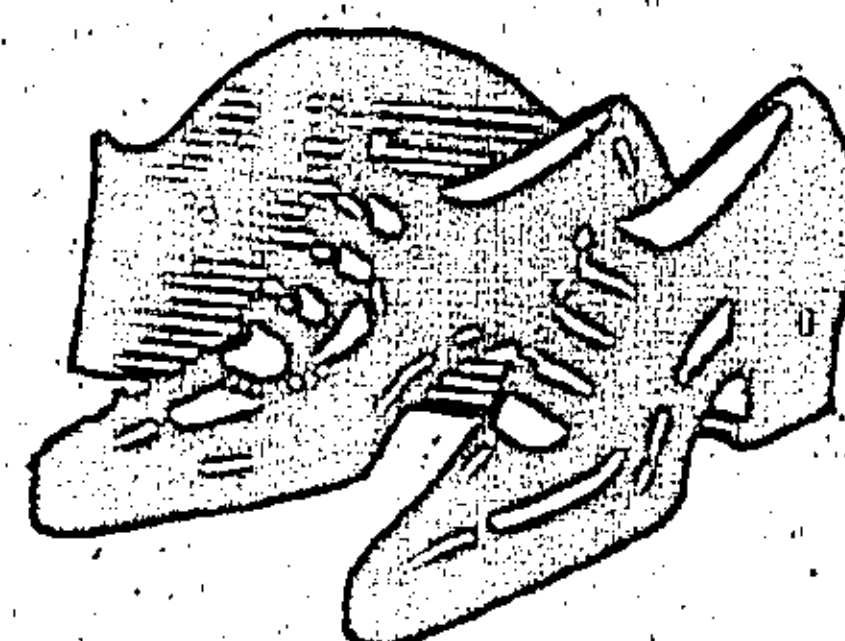
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THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

**REPORT OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CONFERENCE.**

It will be remembered that subsequent to representations made by the Mercantile Officers' Guilds last year, to the Home Government, an enquiry was ordered to be made into the circumstances of piracy in the vicinity of Hongkong and means for its prevention. There was later formed locally a Piracy Commission, which sat upon the same matter, and proved something of a fiasco owing to the Governmental attitude, resulting in the issue of a minority report the general tenor of which was a plea for the abolition of police supervision and an increase of Naval patrols. The result of the enquiry at Home has just reached the Colony. The members of the Conference which dealt with the matter were Sir Gilbert E. A. Grindle, K.C.M.G., C.B., (Chairman) of the Colonial Office, Mr. S. P. Waterlow, C.B.E., of the Foreign Office, Captain W. Tomkinson, C.B., M.V.O., R.N., and Commander E. R. Carson, R.N., of the Admiralty and Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., Assistant Colonial Secretary, Hongkong. The following is the result of their deliberations as submitted to the Colonial Secretary of the Home Government.

Sir.—1. We were requested by your Predecessor to enquire into certain representations which had been made by The China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China in regard to the measures adopted by the Governor of Hongkong for dealing with piracy in waters adjacent to the Colony.

2. These representations were the outcome of a series of piratical attacks which had been made on ships sailing between Hongkong and neighbouring Chinese ports.

3. The views of the Guilds were summarised in a series of resolutions passed at a combined meeting of members of the two Guilds held on the 3rd of February, 1924, and communicated to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, in a letter dated the 4th of February, 1924. The resolutions were:

The Resolutions.
(1) That, in so far as piracy prevention is concerned, the Police Department be relieved from all duties in regard to sea-going and river steamers whilst outside the waters of the Colony and concentrate its attention to detecting and preventing the embarkation of unlawful persons and/or firearms, whilst these vessels are in Hongkong Harbour, unless some better method is devised.

(2) There shall be at once inaugurated a proper system of patrol in the Danger Zone.

(3) That all vessels subject to Piracy Regulations shall have wireless telegraphy installed and under the control of a competent operator signed on the Articles.

(4) That Insurance be automatically effected for every Master, Officer and Engineer, whose duty takes him into the Danger Zone, the Premium for such Insurance to be paid with the money at present paid as wages to the guards, in the event of them being removed from the vessels.

(5) That every case of piracy shall be the subject of enquiry at the Harbour Office (as soon as possible after the outrage), with the Harbour Master as President of the Court, which should consist of active Mercantile Marine Officers of both departments, with the addition of one active Naval Officer.

(6) That a substantial reward be offered for information which leads to the arrest of any person implicated in any piratical attack.

(7) That a reward should be

paid in all cases of seizure of arms and/or ammunition.

(8) That these Resolutions be at once presented to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary for the consideration of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and a detailed reply requested in time to present to this meeting which stands adjourned till Sunday 17th February 1924 at the same time and place for the purpose of receiving such reply.

(4) We have held two meetings. At our first meeting held on the 17th of June 1924, there was also present, besides the members of the Committee, Sir J. Jamieson (His Majesty's Consul-General, Canton) and representatives of the Treasury, the War Office and the India Office. At our second meeting, held on the 10th of July, 1924, we had the advantage of a personal discussion with Mr. T. W. Moore, C.B.E., F.R.G.S. (Secretary, The Imperial Merchant Service Guild) Mr. D. Bramah, C.B.E., (General Secretary, The Marine Engineers Association) and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary, The Marine Engineers Guild of China). Representatives of the Mercantile Marine Department Board of Trade were also present at this meeting.

Due to War Conditions.

5. After considering reports on the cases of piracy which had occurred and on the general conditions existing in South China it was agreed that the present state of affairs was directly due to the civil war in the Kwong Tung Province which had completely disrupted the policing by the Chinese Authorities of the Canton Delta and neighbouring waters. In the circumstances the only measure which could be effective would be the destruction of the pirate lairs, the whereabouts of the more important of which were apparently well known. In regard to this we were informed that the landing on Chinese territory of British military and naval forces for such a purpose is out of the question but that arrangements had been made to lend such friendly support to the local Chinese authorities as was feasible; and we were informed of the successful issue of an expedition undertaken by local Chinese forces, in accordance with these arrangements. We are very sensible of the value of these arrangements for co-operation with the local Chinese authorities; and we consider that whenever opportunities of such co-operation occur, they should be utilised to the fullest extent possible subject to the necessary limitations imposed by the political situation in China.

6. We are however sensible that in existing circumstances it would be vain to expect anything approaching the complete suppression of the bands of pirates which infest these waters. It is therefore very necessary that in the Danger Zone there should be as effective a system of precautionary measures as can be devised and maintained with such resources as are available.

Existing System.
7. The system in force at the time of our enquiry may briefly be described as follows:—

At the beginning of the year there were four of His Majesty's Gun-boats engaged in patrolling the danger zone, and later on a reserve gun-boat was put into commission with a crew lent by one of His Majesty's ships on the station. In addition four armed launches were fitted out by the Hongkong Government, with

civilian crews and commanded by Naval Officers with Naval gun crews. (Later, arrangements were made for the complete manning of these launches by naval crews).

In addition to the maintenance by these patrols the "Piracy Regulations" issued by the Hongkong Government require inter alia, that "all certificated officers shall be armed at all times while the

ship is in the "Danger Zone" that the ship must be provided with bullet proof dodgers, screens, grilles and barbed wire entanglements to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master in order to render the vital parts of the ship defensible. A scheme of defence for each ship is drawn up by a Committee consisting of the Assistant Harbour Master, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the master, and (if the owner so desires) a

representative appointed by the owner. The Regulations prescribe the number of rockets, Very lights, arms and rounds of ammunition to be carried; and the carrying of specified numbers of armed guards. The Regulations also provide for the control and search of ships, passengers and goods before sailing, and for other matters incidental to the carrying out of the Regulations.

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THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

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Views of the Guilds.

8. As we understand them the view of the Guilds (so far as the first three of the Resolutions quoted in paragraph 3 of this report are concerned) was that the defensive measures at present laid down in the Piracy Regulations should be replaced completely by a system of effective Naval patrols throughout the Danger Zone.

9. In regard to this proposal we were informed by the representatives of the Admiralty that it would be a matter of extreme difficulty to organise such an extensive system of Naval patrols that river steamers would always be safe from piratical attacks; and that such a system of patrols would in any case necessitate a very great expansion of the Naval Forces in Hongkong waters. We were further informed that, Naval establishments having been drastically cut down since the War, there are no longer available any vessels of the special type which would be required to operate in the winding creeks of the Delta, that they could only be provided at great cost, and that the building of the necessary vessels and the provision of crews would take a considerable time.

10. We are satisfied that the situation is not so serious as to justify our recommending any such expansion of the Naval forces in these waters.

Convoy System.

11. It was suggested to us that the problem might be solved by the adoption of a convoy system; and we were informed that such a system had been brought into operation on certain runs. We agree that in special circumstances a system of this kind may be useful and desirable. We feel however that the general adoption of such a system could not fail to have a serious effect as a hindrance to trade, and that it could not remain in force for any considerable length of time without creating widespread dissatisfaction.

12. In the light of the foregoing considerations we are satisfied that in addition to co-operation with the local Chinese authorities and the maintenance of as efficient a system of patrols as is possible with the resources available to the Naval authorities, defensive measures on board the ships themselves are vitally necessary. We have accordingly given our careful consideration to such evidence as has been placed before us in regard to the efficacy of the measures prescribed in the Piracy Regulations in the light of the criticisms of these Regulations which have been formulated by the Guilds concerned.

The Navy Needed.

13. Briefly the contentions of the Guilds were that the Captain Superintendent of Police is not a suitable person to exercise supervision of the anti-piracy arrangements, which duty should be taken over by the Naval authorities; that the Indian guards which ships are required to carry are not amenable to the authority of the masters of the ships and are useless for defence purposes; that the carrying of arms which may easily fall into the hands of the pirates is an added danger even if the desire to obtain them is not direct incentive to piratical attacks; that the structural requirements prescribed by the Regulations are a hindrance to the working of the ships; that generally the chances of successfully resisting a surprise attack are so slight that if (as they are required to do by the regulations) the master and other certificated officer "Resist to the uttermost," they are faced by almost certain death; and that in view of the absence of adequate provision for their dependents, it is unreasonable not to allow them to exercise their discretion as to the degree of resistance which should be offered.

14. We understand that in every case in which a piratical attack has been successful, it has been found that the Piracy Regulations, have, in some essential respects, been disregarded. We have also had cited to us instances of attacks which have failed.

Immunity.

15. In the light of these reports we are satisfied that if the grilles required by the regulations are properly constructed and kept closed the guards properly posted and disciplined, the passengers restricted to their proper quarters and the ships officers properly armed, there is very little chance of their being taken by surprise and every chance of their being able to resist.

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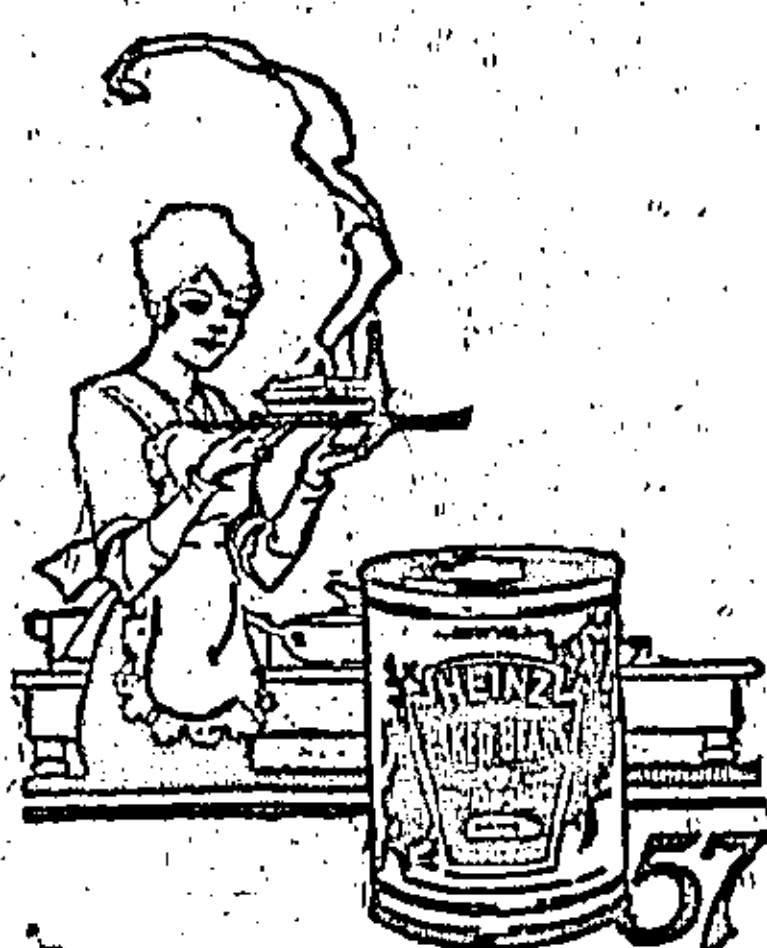
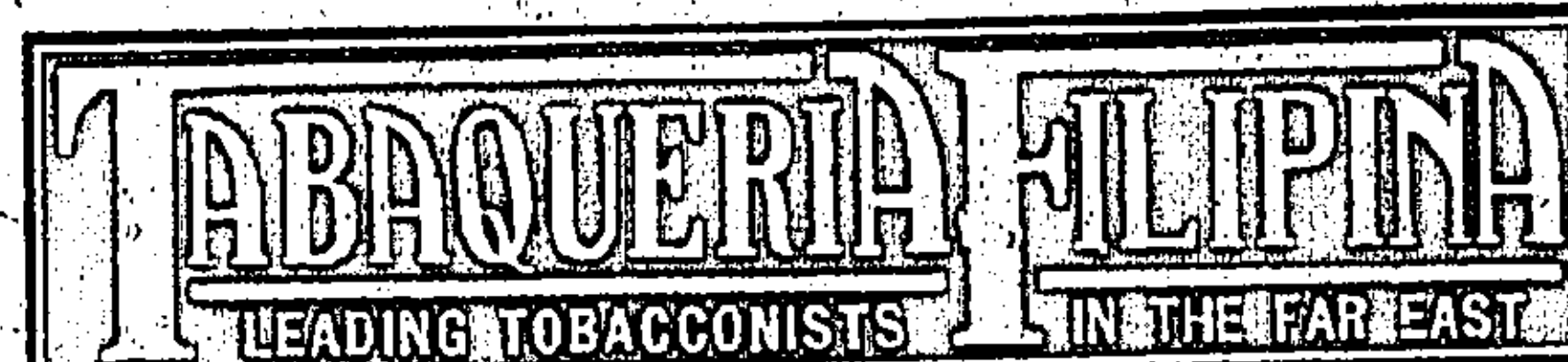
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M. F. BAPTISTA, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, May 14, 1925.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday the 18th day of May 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, viz:—

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following that is to say by the deletion of Article 17 and by the substitution thereof of the following Article namely:—

"17. So long as the issued capital of the Company shall not exceed \$6,000,000 no member shall be entitled to be registered as the holder of more than 3,000 shares of the Company. Should the issued capital of the Company be increased beyond \$6,000,000 the number of shares in respect of which a member shall be entitled to be registered shall be increased proportionately, but no member shall be entitled to be registered in respect of a fraction of a share."

(2) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 60,000 shares of the nominal value of \$50 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 140,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$50 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(3) That 60,000 of the said 140,000 new shares be offered in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 10th day of June, 1925, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 60,000 old shares at a premium of \$10 per share.

(4) That the aforesaid offer be made to members by notice specifying the number of new shares to which a member is entitled. That a member whose registered address is situate in the Far East or his nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by two instalments, i.e., one instalment of \$30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, and a further instalment of \$80 per new share to be paid on or before

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(5) That such of the said 60,000 new shares as shall be accepted by members both in and outside the Far East shall vis-a-vis the said 60,000 old shares rank for dividend as from the 15th day of July, 1925, to the extent of one half of the nominal value of such new shares and as from the 15th day of October, 1925, equally with the said 60,000 old shares.

(6) That any of the said 60,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid and the remaining 80,000 unissued new shares may be issued and disposed of in such manner and upon such terms as to ranking for dividend and otherwise as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at its Registered Office aforesaid on Tuesday the 2nd day of June, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and confirming if thought fit as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Resolutions. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday the 10th day of June, 1925, to Wednesday the 17th day of June, 1925 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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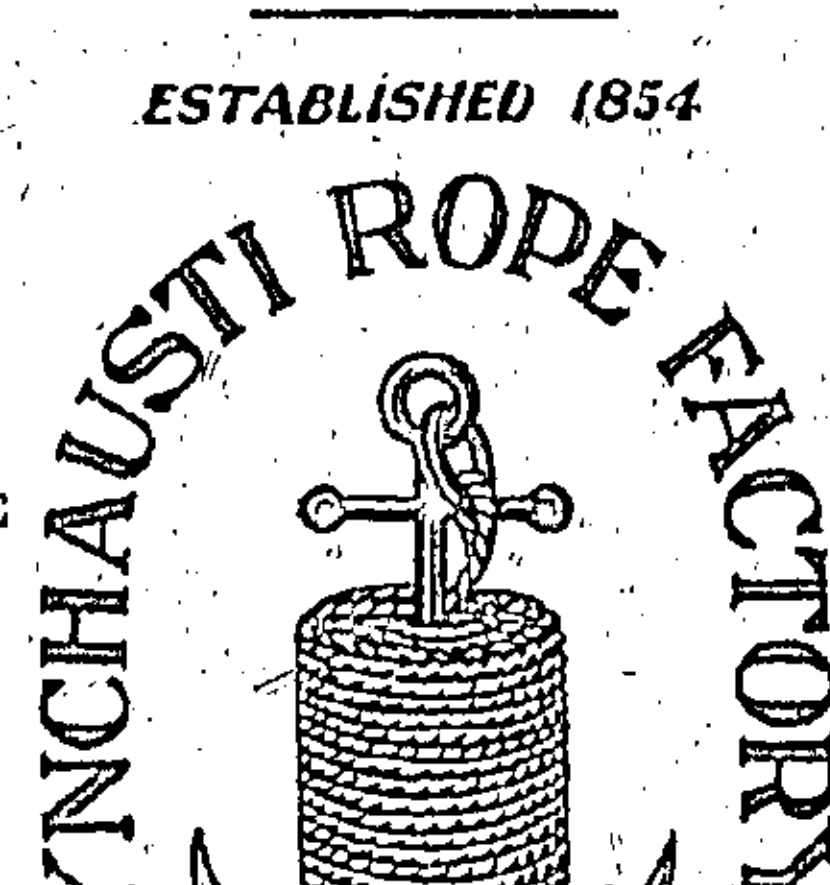
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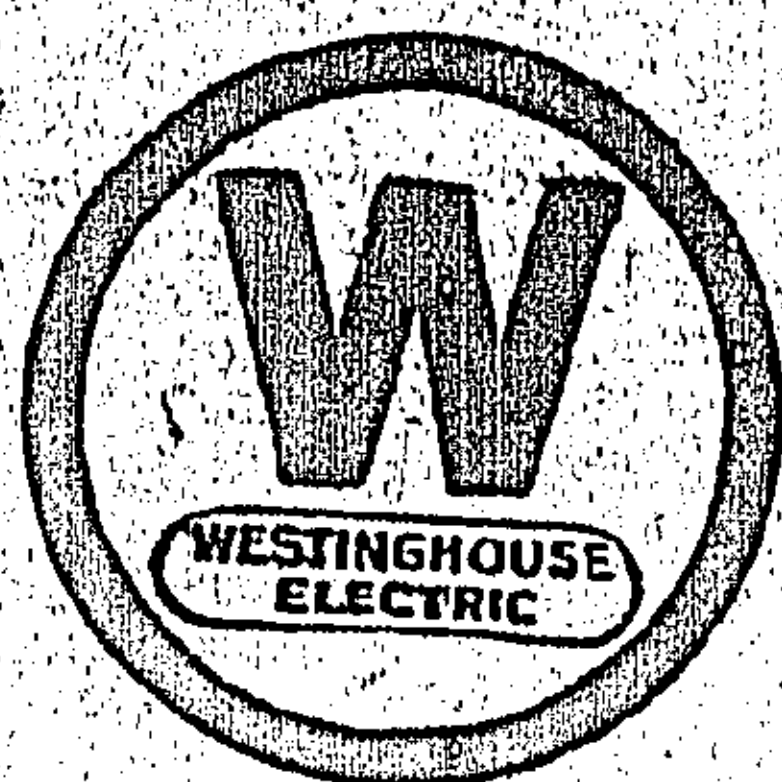
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Mr. G. Bolam, second officer,
Chungang, has gone sup'y second
officer, Wosang.

Mr. E. R. Alton, second officer,
Wosang, has gone second officer,
Yusang.

Mr. D. C. Lewis, second officer,
Yusang, has resigned.

Mr. A. Frost, acting master, Chun-
tang, has gone chief officer, Ting-
sang.

Mr. J. H. Davy, chief officer, Ting-
sang, is on reserve.

Mr. W. J. Young, acting chief
officer, Chungang, has gone second
officer, Lionsing.

Mr. L. Bones, acting chief officer,
Lionsing, has gone acting chief
officer, Suwo.

Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, chief officer,
Lionsing, has gone chief officer,
Tungshing.

Mr. H. R. Dobson, acting chief
officer, Tungshing, has gone second
officer, same ship.

Mr. A. H. Stuart, second officer,
Lionsing, is on leave.

Mr. V. Petherick, chief officer,
Chungang, has gone chief officer,
Hopsang.

Mr. F. E. Lane, chief officer, Hop-
sang, has gone chief officer, Chun-
sang.

Mr. W. S. Muat, third engineer,
Loongwo, has gone acting second
engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. W. Laverick, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, Loongwo.

Mr. J. A. Thom, third engineer,
Chungang, has gone third
engineer, Lionsing.

Mr. J. Colquhoun, third engineer,
Lionsing, is on leave.

Mr. E. McNab, from reserve, has
gone third engineer, Kiywo.

Mr. R. M. Sangster, second en-
gineer, Chungang, has gone second
engineer, Wushing.

Mr. A. S. Fraser, second engineer,
Wushing, is on special leave.

Mr. S. Duncan, sup'y third officer,
Haining, has gone third officer,
same ship.
Mr. W. Perrett, third officer, Hain-
ing, is on reserve.
Mr. R. Keen, from reserve, has
gone master, Shingon.

Captain F. Tall, of the Shingon,
is on reserve.

Mr. W. H. Watson, chief officer,
Hydrangea, has resigned.

Captain C. W. Shearer, of the
Devawongse, is on reserve.

Captain A. Pompey, from leave,
has gone master, Devawongse.

Mr. J. W. Vick, from reserve, has
gone chief officer, Devawongse.
Mr. E. Midgley, chief officer,
Devawongse, is on reserve.
Mr. H. Lovon, second officer,
Devawongse, is on reserve.—Ship-
ping and Engineering.

CASUALTIES.

"Between twenty and thirty
thousand married people in
Britain," says Dr. Nathan Raw,
"are certified lunatics." It
doesn't seem many, considering
what they have to go through.

LIQUOR TREATY.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN
AGREEMENT.

Tokyo, May 13.—Foreign Office is
negotiating a liquor treaty with
America similar to the Anglo-Ameri-
can treaty, permitting the searching
of Japanese ships outside territorial
water, and allowing Japanese ves-
sels to carry liquor conditionally in
American water. The treaty will
not apply to the Philippines.—
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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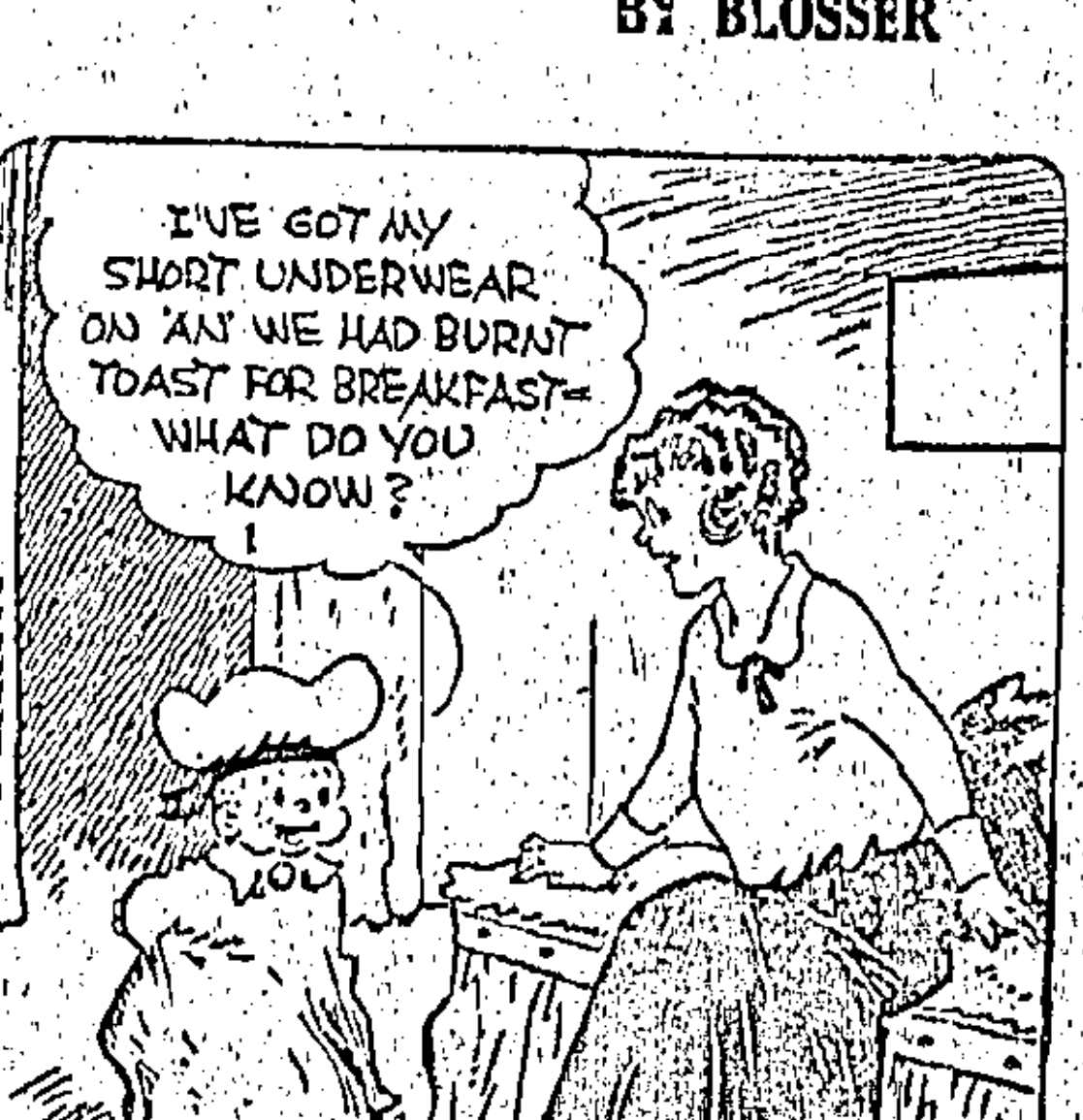
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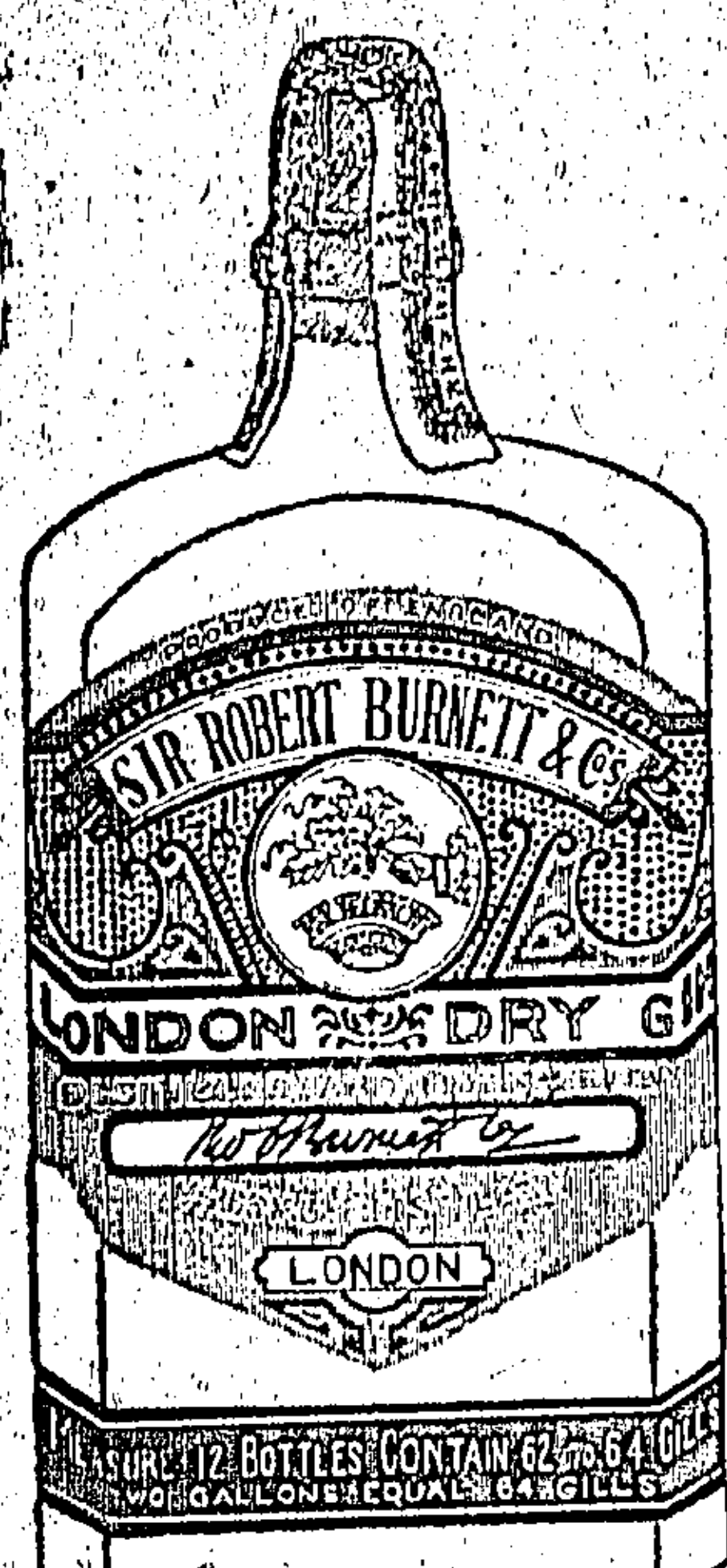
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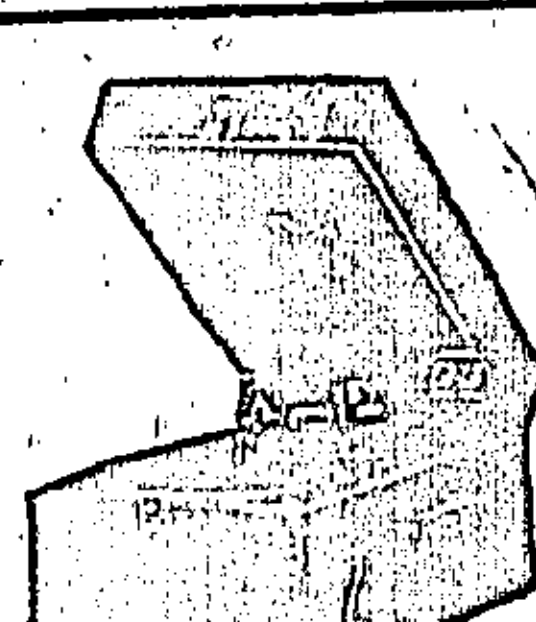
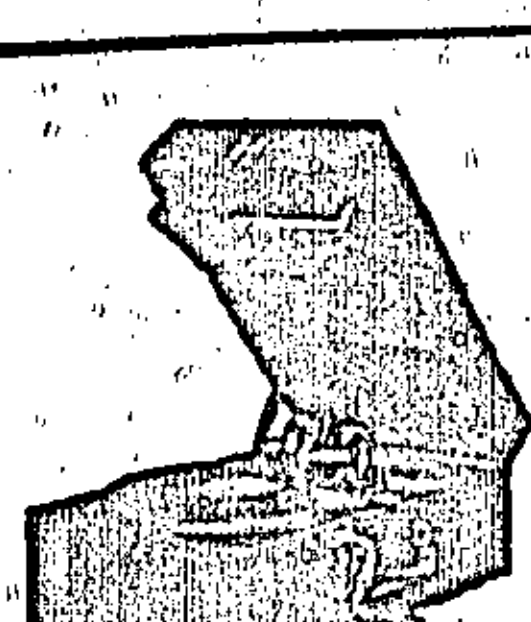




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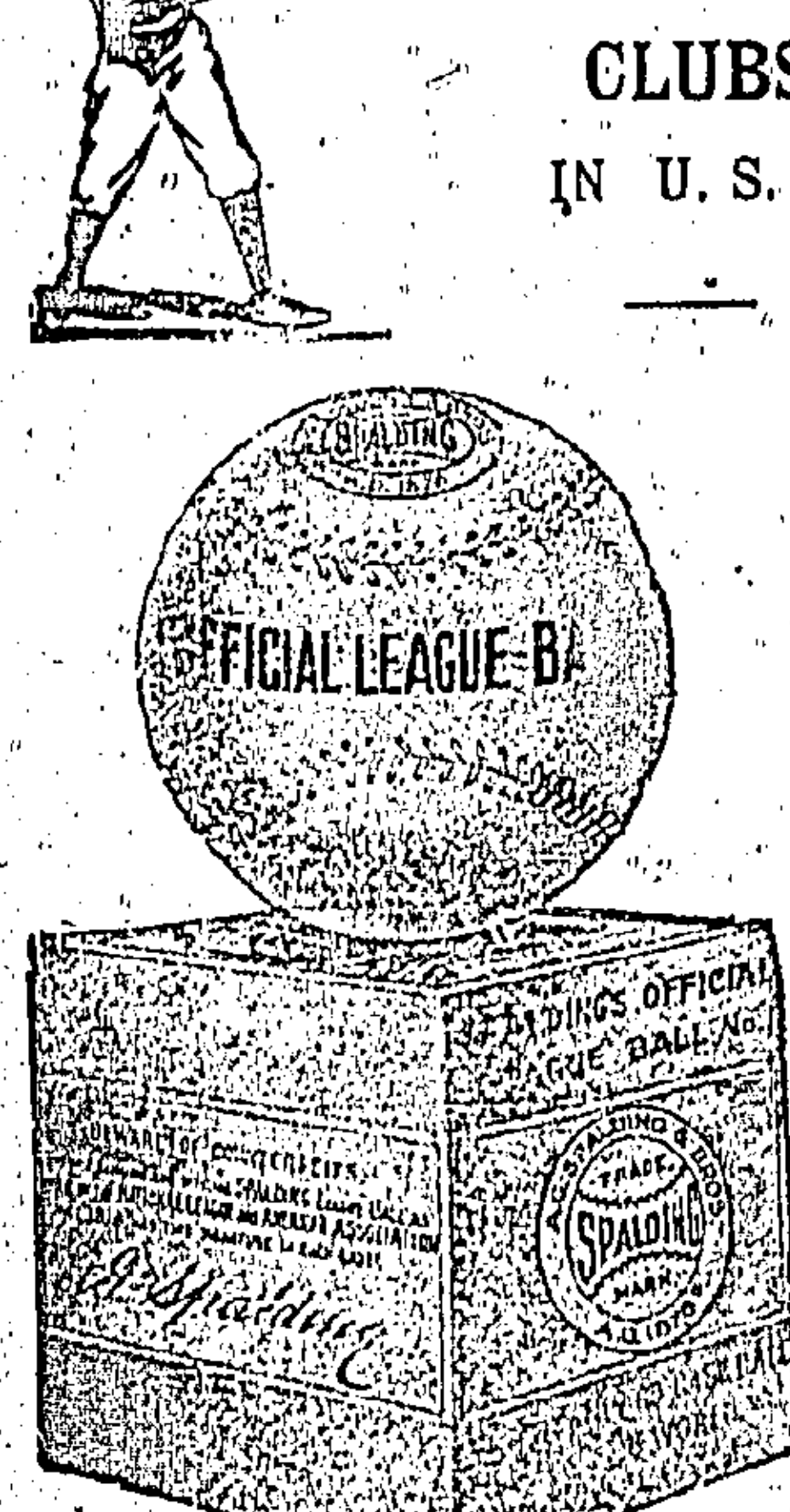
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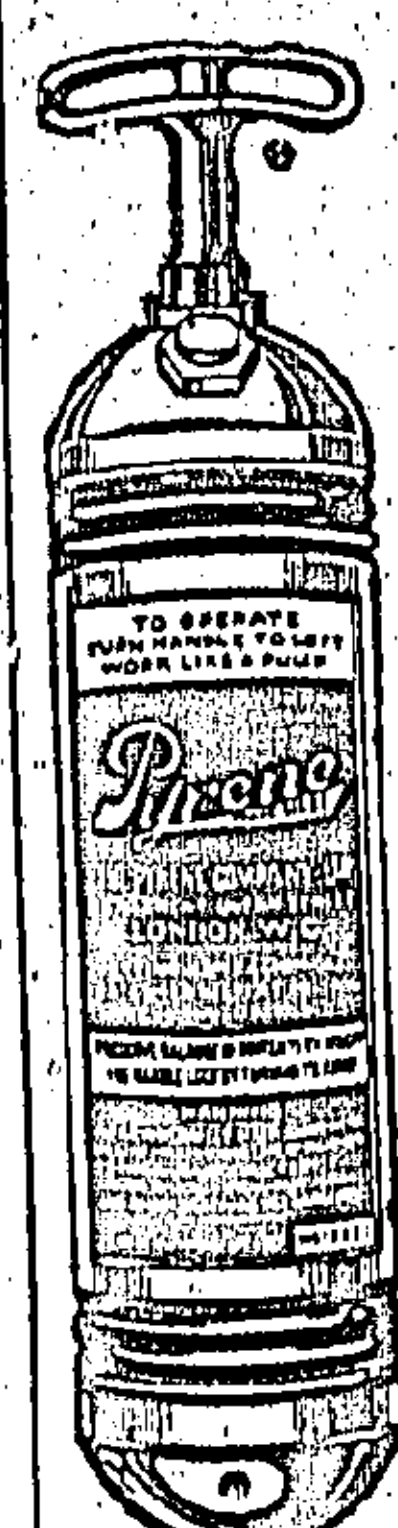
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PIRACY REGULATIONS.

It had been known for a considerable time that there existed the report by an inter-departmental conference held in London last year—which is published to-day—and references to some of its recommendations have already appeared. The complete report, now the public have an opportunity of examining it, discloses that the whole matter of piracy in these waters, and the adequacy or otherwise of the existing anti-piracy regulations, has received thorough attention from a representative and competent body, but they have not been able to meet the standing problem of reconciling all points of view. We take it that the recent local minority report was a direct outcome of discussions based on these London recommendations, so presumably this document which has just been made public remains the basis on which any final decision must lie. We shall therefore examine some of the conclusions it embodies, and their relation to present conditions.

In the main, this London committee has arrived at the same opinion as other commissions regarding the necessity for defending river steamers with armed guards and grilles and wire entanglements. It is interesting to note that it does not consider (and the Admiralty representatives made this point) that the Navy is able to undertake a wider system of patrols. There remains the need for reconciling conflicting opinion on this matter, besides the necessity for making provision towards the added cost out of the local Treasury or some other funds. Of quite as great interest is the reference to convoys, and the distinct recommendation that these should be considered only temporary, owing to the interference with trade and the many objections that are sure to arise. The matter of wireless remains undecided, though its use is urged after certain questions as to type of apparatus and so forth have been solved.

So far as the ships' officers are concerned, there is the very important matter of the risks they run in the pirate zone,

especially when observing the Government regulations. We note the concession, whereby the words "to the utmost," in reference to their duty of resistance, have been frowned upon. This question involves the bigger one of provision for disablement, or for dependents of an officer who loses his life in the course of a piracy. When this matter first came up, the Government clearly intimated that the shipowners should be responsible for some form of insurance, and only introduced a system of grants as a provisional measure. Later, when approached on the subject, the Chamber of Commerce felt itself unable to take a definite line, but suggested a conference between the authorities and those immediately concerned to decide the point. The London committee in the concluding paragraph of its report distinctly urges that the insurance should be a matter for the shipping companies. In absence of any cogent reasons to the contrary, it occurs to us that, if insurance of the lives of ships' officers be definitely adopted, the companies concerned are reasonably liable for the charge.

In the meantime the old regulations, the convoys, and the admittedly inadequate patrols, continue, and the officers remain uninsured. The present arrangements appear to be working admirably, and there has not been a piracy on any of the bigger vessels for a considerable time. Nevertheless, the matter of relaxing the system in some directions and improving it in others, continues a controversial topic. Perhaps we are to look upon the making public of the London recommendations as a sign that the whole question of piracy prevention is about to be renewed, and definitely decided.

Local Politics.

It would appear that Hongkong's request for constitutional reform is to be definitely shelved. Frankly, we are not surprised that the Home Government should consider it inexpedient to grant the demands asked for in the petition sent to the House of Commons some few years back. The main suggestion put forward in that document was that there should be an Unofficial majority of one, subject to certain safeguards. That, in our opinion, was asking for too much. For a Colony of this character, there can be no serious objection to Official rule, provided due consideration is given to public opinion. In the past, the Government here has, on more than one occasion, bowed to popular wishes, and so long as we have reasonably-minded Governors we do not think there is much likelihood of the exercise of autocracy. On the other hand, Unofficial rule might be open to many objections. There is such a thing as reasonable constitutional reform and we should be sorry to feel that efforts in this direction are likely to be jeopardised or abandoned because of the fate of the particular petition under notice. The type of reform we should welcome would be the election by the public, say on the Sanitary Board electorate, of all the non-Chinese Unofficial members, with, perhaps, ward representation so that particular members would definitely represent certain localities (Kowloon, for example) and be responsible to the public for their stewardship. Something along these lines would be far more likely to succeed, we should imagine, than movements which practically amount to clamouring for the moon.

SOVIET CONGRESS ASSEMBLING.

Moscow, May 13.
Over two thousand delegates are attending the Soviet congress, including the full presidium of seventy-five members, among whom are M. M. Kalinin, Kamenev, Stalin, Rykov, Zinoviev, Trotsky and Bruns—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY.

ASSOCIATE WITH MEN OF GOOD QUALITY, IF YOU ESTEEM YOUR OWN REPUTATION; FOR IT IS BETTER TO BE ALONE THAN IN A BAD COMPANY.—George Washington.

Passengers leaving for Manila on the President Grant included Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Arbuthnot, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wu, Mrs. W. J. Carroll and Mr. E. G. Woodger.

Amongst votes asked for at to-day's Legislative Council meeting were \$38,000 for the new architectural office of the P.W.D., and \$10,000 donation to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The votes to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon included one of \$10,300 for alterations and additions to the Defence Corps Headquarters.

The silk shipped per s.s. President Jackson, which sailed from Hongkong at 5 p.m. on April 15th, arrived New York at 7 a.m. on May 8th, having been 22½ calendar days in transit.

The s.s. Anking, which arrived with a cargo of Cardiff coal for the Admiralty at the beginning of the week, is the latest addition to the China Navigation Co.'s fleet, and is to be employed on the Hongkong-Swallow-Amoy-Singapore run. Built by Scott's of Greenock, she is of 3,494 tons gross, and can steam just over 13 knots. Captain P. Cole, of the s.s. Kwang Chow, has gone as master of the Anking.

A Manila telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*, says:—The three-years archaeological research by Dr. Carl Guthe, University of Michigan expedition leader, has been completed. One thousand specimens, mainly of early Chinese pottery, have been shipped to the United States. These showed the existence of prehistoric settlements in the Philippines. Dr. Guthe leaves for Hongkong on board the President Taft on the 19th instant.

LAST YEAR'S WEATHER.

NO TYPHOONS, AND A HEAT WAVE.

We take the following from the 1924 report by the Director of the Observatory, laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon:—

The principal features of weather in 1925 were:—Absence of typhoons, heavy rain in May, June, July and August, and a heat wave from August 28 to September 10.

The mean temperature for the year was 72.3. The highest was 93.2. The lowest temperature was 47.5.

The heat wave from August 28 to September 10 was exceptional. The mean temperature for September 7, 8, 9, was the highest on record.

Beginning with April 25 all radio weather reports from ships were broadcast at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., but as the Manila Authorities were unable to pick up the messages the practice was discontinued on 11th October.

Altogether 149 earthquakes were recorded during the year by the seismograph, as against 141 in 1923. A slight earthquake shock was felt at 10.45 p.m. on January 10.

Flying Officers Martin and Isaacs of H.M.S. Pegasus visited the Observatory on December 12 and kindly furnished copies of temperature observations made during four flights over Hongkong. The results are shown on two charts appended, from which it appears that there is a steady fall of temperature until 4,000 feet up, when a rise of temperature occurs up to about 6,000 ft., before a fall again sets in. The two officers flew to over 15,000 feet elevation.

DEARER BREAD.

Washington, May 13.

Mr. Jardine, the Secretary for Agriculture, promises to institute prosecutions with the object of preventing a recurrence of the recent wheat speculation, though he admits that sufficient proof for a conviction has hitherto not been obtained. — *Reuter's American Service*.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

WHAT PRICE HONDA NOW?

By "Wanderer."

Hastily formed opinions as to Honda's prospects in the open singles were just as hastily readjusted after his magnificent display against Snodgrass yesterday. In all probability it will be a long time before enthusiasts in this Colony will have the pleasure of seeing such wonderful tennis as we have been treated to by the visit of the American cracks, and the fact that Honda took thirteen games in two sets from a player who ranks No. 6 in American tennis gave his critics much food for thought. Honda took no risks, placed the ball beautifully, exercised quite as much control over the ball as his opponent, and, except for that devastating service, compared favourably on a cursory examination. The doubles game, too, was exhilarating. Ng Sze-kwong has rarely been seen in more enterprising form, and O'Callaghan, except for one or two lapses from grace, confirmed all the good things that have been said about his play.

HONDA ACED SEVEN TIMES.

Honda was aced seven times in the first set by Snodgrass's first ball, a ball which had every ounce of the American visitor's weight behind it, but, even so, he more than once took Snodgrass to duce even on service. Honda broke the ice and struck his form at once, winning the first game comfortably. Honda dealt carefully with Snodgrass's service but found it extremely difficult to control and conceded the game. Each player won a game in turn; Honda secured his service game to love on two occasions, Snodgrass's returns being on the strong side. He also found Honda's ability to keep the ball low dangerous, and many were the times that the ball flew into the net at a great pace. The fifteenth game saw the beginning of the end so far as the set was concerned. Snodgrass drove the ball beautifully to the sidelines, and though Honda returned the ball frequently, the American varied his game by sending over a short chop which Honda made no attempt to reach. Snodgrass took the fifteenth game to love and finished off strongly by smashing his way to 40 and then aces his opponent.

When Honda was two down in the second set, Snodgrass having taken advantage of his lack of control, it was thought that he would be easily beaten, but after winning the third game, he had the "temerity" to take a game off the Snodgrass service. Snodgrass returned the compliment, and then went to 4-2, but Honda was not beaten yet, for not only did he win the next, but he followed up by passing the American in wonderful style with splendid cross court shots, and then took the lead for the first time at 5-4. In the tenth game, Honda showed great sportsmanship, by deliberately conceding a point when he was aware that a mistake had been made and that the American had already won. The eleventh game saw Honda lose his service, but again he turned the tables and six-all was called. Four times did the following game go to duce, the advantages being shared, but Snodgrass gained the upper hand and followed up by winning the fourteenth game, the set and the match.

Honda played magnificently throughout and it was a treat to see him putting Snodgrass on the run in one or two games. The American admittedly played below form; far too often did he not the ball and he did not get the same spin on the ball as he has been seen to do. His service won him the match, for in tactics, on the day's play, he was not superior.

THE KINSEYS ON THEIR METTLE

Smashing, driving, and lobbing in great style, O'Callaghan and Ng Sze-kwong gave the Kinsey brothers a rare match. In the

early stages they played almost superior tennis, but the Kinseys gradually found their best form, and they finished off the match in a demonstration of what they could really do if pressed. In the final set they smashed and drove with wonderful power and almost uncanny accuracy and the locals were hopelessly unequal to the barrage.

Some great shots by both O'Callaghan and Ng Sze-kwong earned them a three-one lead in the opening set, but Robert, who so far had been right off, had an inspired moment and he assisted by the steady returns of his brother smashed his way through the local defences. The Kinseys drew up to three all, but the seventh game went to O'Callaghan's service though brilliant work by Sze-kwong earned the points. The Robert Kinsey service, saw the game go three times to duce though the Americans drew level on it, and in the succeeding game Ng Sze-kwong performed the incredible in aces Howard, much the better of the visitors, with a ball which broke clean away. The game went to O'Callaghan and Sze-kwong, who then led 5-4. Two love games gave the Kinseys the lead for the first time, and Robert winning the next with his service, the set also went their way.

The second set also went to 7-5, though the local pair at no time succeeded in gaining the lead. Continuing the form which gained them the last three games in the first set, the Kinseys led 3-0, though every point was hotly contested and play was marked by some delightful rallies.

O'Callaghan had been making some bad mistakes in this period, but with his improvement came a turning point, the locals drawing up to three-all by dint of some beautiful driving by Ng Sze-kwong and excellent work at the net by O'Callaghan. Two further games went to the Kinseys; Robert having improved considerably, but Ng Sze-kwong serving the next game was secured by the Hongkongites to love, and they drew level at five-all by taking a game out of their turn from Howard Kinsey. Very fine play characterised this game; all four players were on their mettle and long rallies resulted. The Kinseys made short work of the concluding games in the set, and then finished the match off quickly by extending themselves for the first time.

Only once did they receive a set-back and Ng Sze-kwong was responsible. Twice he passed Robert in wonderful style and two net balls, terrific smashes, ended the game in O'Callaghan's favour. The Americans attacked continually, the ball being driven in all parts of the court with wonderful power and accuracy. O'Callaghan and Ng Sze-kwong could not stand up against the real Kinsey touch for long and they took very few points.

MURCHISON'S WORLD RECORD?

A telegram from Manila published in to-day's *Daily Bulletin* states that Loren Murchison, who was in Hongkong last week, ran 180 metres in 19 1/5th seconds, which, the writer goes on to say, constitutes a new world's record, if the time by the Philippines Amateur Athletic Association is recognised. The report is misleading as though it might be argued that it is the fastest time done over a measured 180 metres, the fact remains that the distance is 196.85 yards, and when one recalls that Paddock, Murchison's companion, made 200 yards in 19 seconds at Pasadena in 1921, it is readily seen that the record in reality means nothing at all.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

Inspiration. Phew!!

A bottle of beer must be a wonderful fortifier. Robert Kinsey improved to a remarkable degree under the treatment.

THE PROBATE CASE.

"A MONUMENTAL RAMP."

That the action was nothing more than a monumental ramp, in which he (plaintiff) did not stand alone, was the suggestion made by Mr. F. C. Jenkin to Chan Wing-on, the plaintiff in the sugar planter's will case, which entered on the fourth day of the hearing this morning. Plaintiff has occupied the box since Tuesday morning and has been subjected to cross-examination since 12.30 p.m. on that day. In answer to counsel, plaintiff expressed the opinion that Chan King-yui and the defendant shared, his grandfather's estate between them. His \$40,000, he declared he spent in establishing a school, his motives being entirely charitable. The school failed because of the trouble and internecine strife. The case is proceeding.

INSURANCE OUTLOOK.

LOCAL COMPANY MEETING.

That the insurance position is still a difficult one was the opinion expressed by Mr. B. D. F. Both at the annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, held this morning.

Mr. B. D. F. Both presided and there were also present:—Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. T. E. Pearce (consulting committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), and Messrs. Chau Sui-ki, J. Arnold, Choa Po-min, F. M. Ellis, Lo Cheung-shiu, Lo Cheung-in, R. L. Bridger, A. H. M. da Silva, Ho Leung, G. H. Percay, A. J. Edgar, Ho Shai-kit and R. A. Laster (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

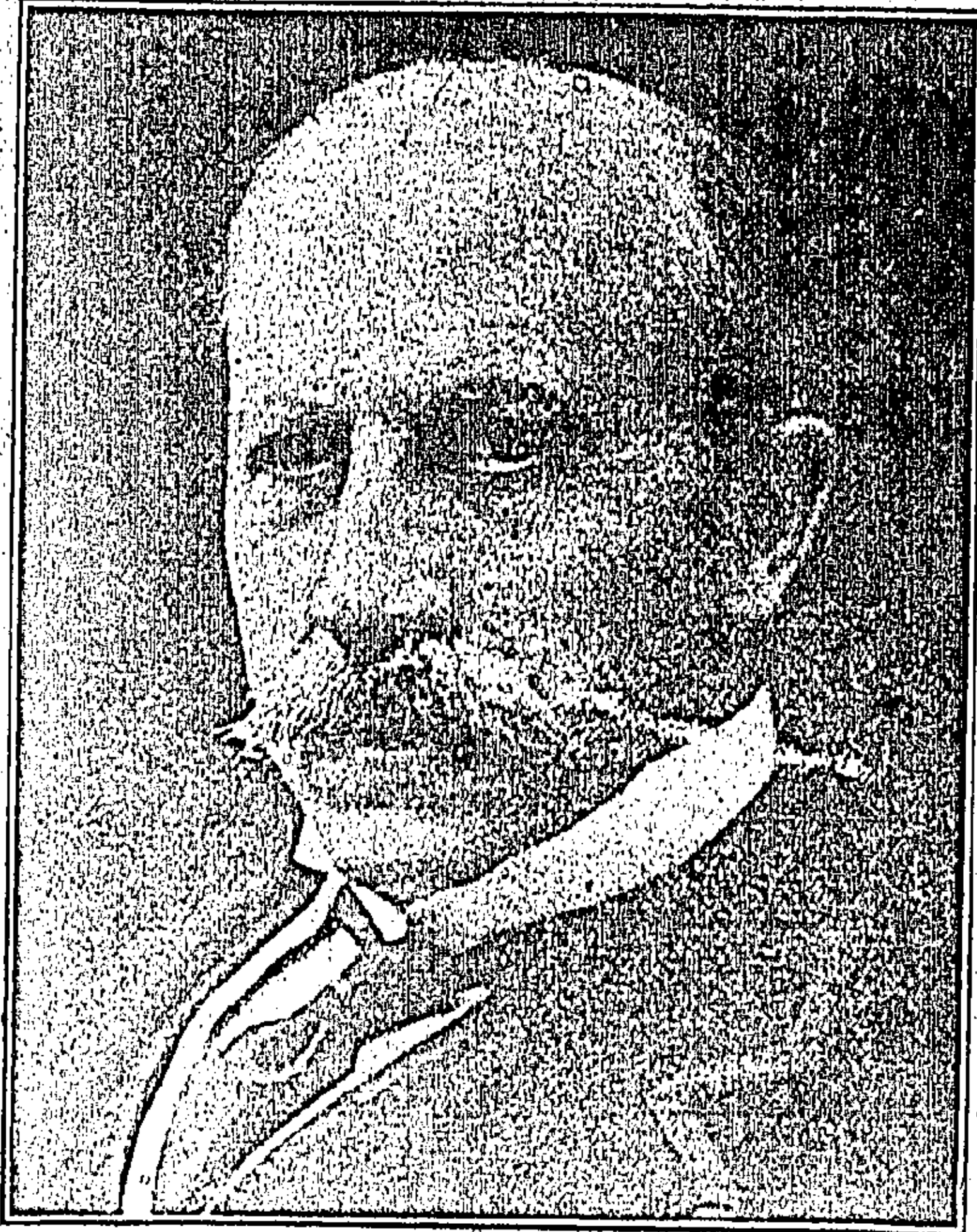
The Chairman said:—The statement of accounts for the year 1925, which we now present to you, has proved to be fairly satisfactory, the more so when the difficult times, through which we are now passing, are taken into consideration. The surplus shown, of roughly one million and fifty thousand dollars, compares quite favourably with all previous ones and is, in fact, only surpassed by those for the years 1917, 1918, 1921 and 1922, all of which were considerably in excess of that amount. Such years as the last four mentioned are I fear things of the past, as far as can be seen at the moment and your General Agents and Committee will be more than gratified if they can maintain the present level until such time as an improvement in conditions sets in; it is obvious, however, that nothing can be hoped for till trade itself revives. On every hand one hears that business is dull, if nothing worse, and it is only reasonable to expect that insurance Companies must share in the general depression.

Our premium income for the year now under review is \$2,981,687.43, or \$321,737.38 less than that for 1925, and in this respect we are almost back to a pre-war level. As I said last year, premium of a kind is easily obtained but the difficulty is to obtain premium of a remunerative character. Competition is still most acute and reductions in rates follow one another at such close intervals that it is impossible to foresee when we are to reach rock bottom.

Our reports from London are to the effect that conditions are still very difficult. The capacity of the insurance market there is undoubtedly too great for the volume of business moving, with the result that in order to maintain income rates are accepted which are altogether out of keeping with the risks undertaken. Only a short while back we were advised of a quite unjustifiable cut in the rate for a fleet of steamers, approximating 50%, and as our correspondents humouredly put it, "meanwhile the directors of the Steamship Company view the position with profitable amusement." We, in the Far East, who are in personal touch with many of the insurance risks appertaining to this part of the world, cannot but feel that were underwriters to see some of the risks for which they so readily quote they would speedily recognise how totally inadequate, as well as ill-advised, many of their quotations really are. The unsatisfactory reports recently published by several of our oldest and most respected marine insurance Companies show only too plainly the trend of things and, at the moment, the outlook for the future cannot be considered as any too bright. It is to be hoped, however, that a pull will soon be taken and matters placed on a more satisfactory basis.

Losses for the year 1925, were \$36,447.78 more than those for the year 1924, the ratio working out at 62.15 per cent. as against 55.99 per cent. for the previous account. Working Account for the year 1924, after 12 months' working, shows a slight increase in premium but a decrease in balance of \$213,884.30 as compared with the year 1913. This decrease is mainly due to the exceptionally heavy losses sustained during the early months of last year, the total as at 31st December 1924 exceeding that for 1923, after the same period of one year, by \$188,060.79. This Account has yet another twelve months to run, however, and in view of the way things have been going from the end of last year to date, we think we may anticipate a moderately satisfactory outcome. Our assets expressed in both sterling and local currency are approximately the same as

THE LATE LORD MILNER.



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last year and the sound position of our various reserves has been fully maintained.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,048,795.36, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$22, the addition of \$200,000 to the Reinsurance Fund and the carrying of the balance of \$448,795.36 to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1925. The balance of \$1,907,039.33 at credit of 1924 Account allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$18 for that year. I do not think that there is anything else that calls for special reference, but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the accounts themselves have been duly seconded. I now propose the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts, as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1925 of \$22 per share, and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1924 of \$18 per share; the addition of \$200,000 to Reinsurance Fund and \$448,795.36 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

Mr. Chau Sui-ki seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

The re-election to the Consulting Committee of the Hon. Sir Paul Chatter, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, H. Humphreys, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White was proposed by Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. A. H. M. da Silva, and carried.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percay

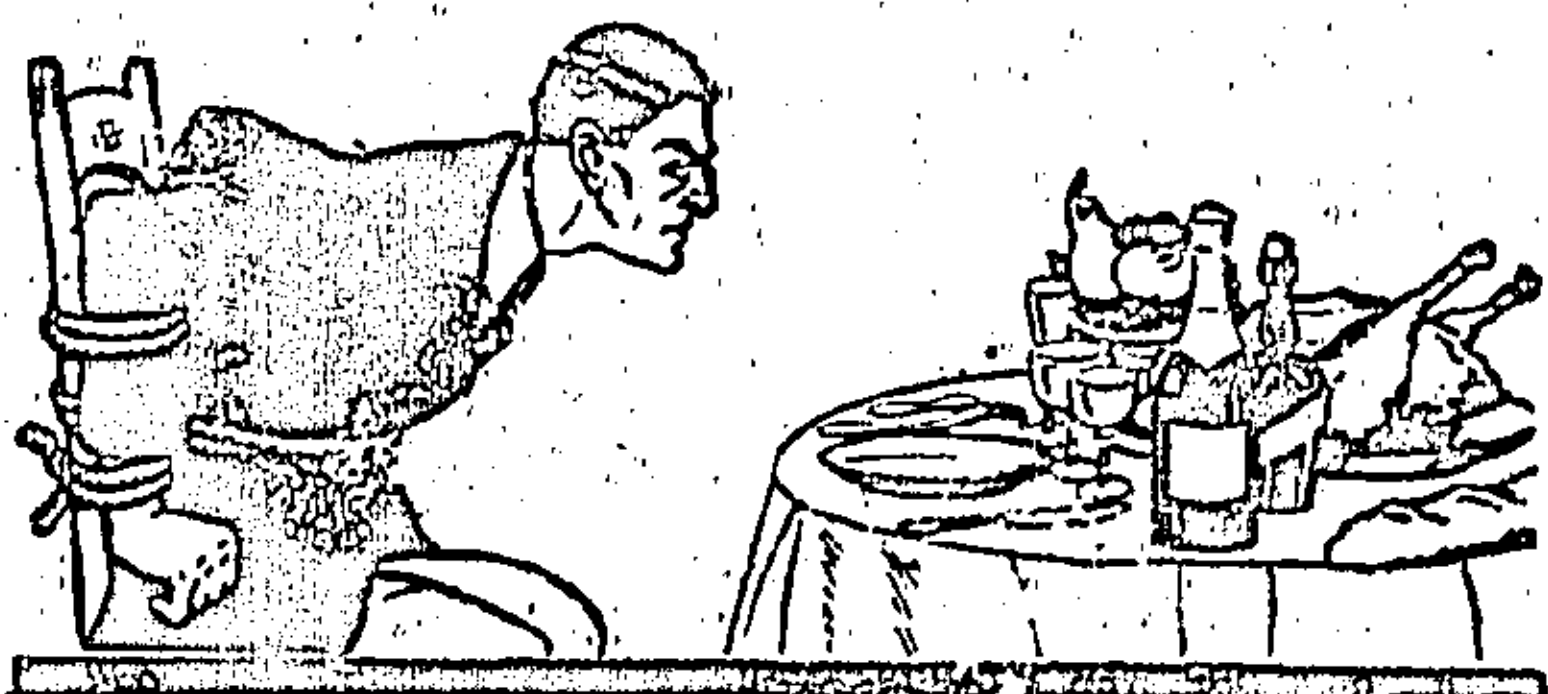
AMOY WEDDING.

WELL-KNOWN CHINESE WED.

The wedding of Mr. Ting Tong (Eric Wong), third son of Mr. and Mrs. Uy Siu-lung, of Amoy, and Miss Yoon Ting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yu Say, of Manila, was celebrated in the modern Chinese fashion, at Kulangsu, Amoy, on Sunday last. At a dinner reception held subsequently, over three hundred guests assembled to tender their best wishes to the newly married couple. Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Webber, (Consul for U.S.A.), Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bessel (Revenue Commissioner), Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Strick, Mrs. Hubbel, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Worley, Mrs. Pepper, and Messrs. Roy Allgood, M. M. Bowen, J. W. Vermullen, G. Strong, Oie Tjoe, Kotsui Liew (Commissioner of Foreign Affairs), and many Chinese officials. Mr. Le Roy Webber proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, to which the latter suitably replied. On behalf of the guests, Mr. Roy Allgood congratulated the happy couple and their parents. Owing to the indisposition of the bridegroom's father, Mr. Uy Ting-yiu, assisted by Mr. Webber, acted as host, and replied on behalf of his father.

Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year on the proposition of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. R. A. Dastur.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had upon application.



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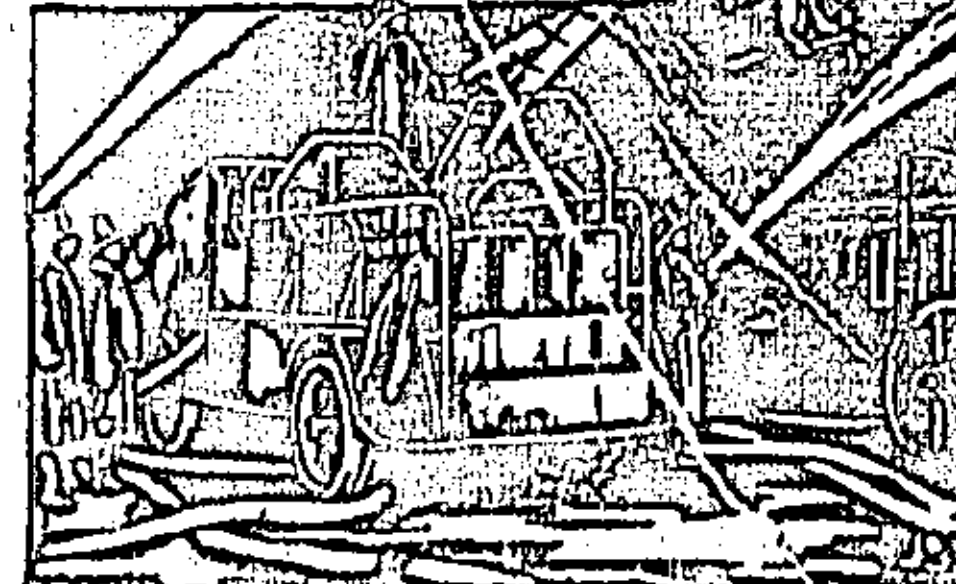
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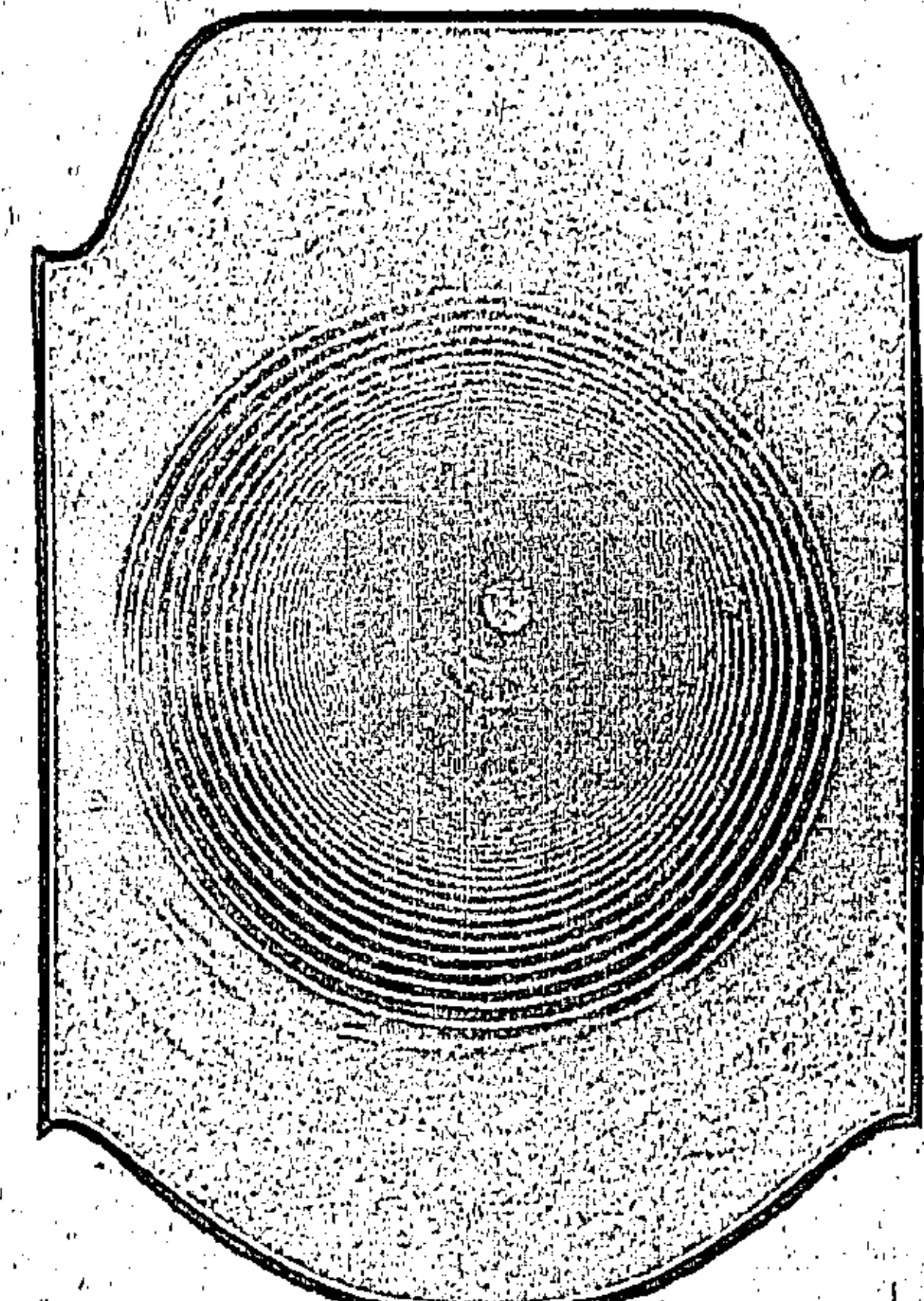
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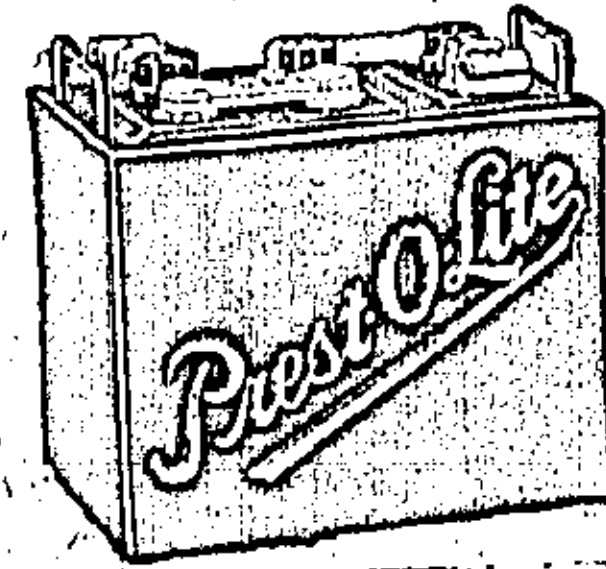
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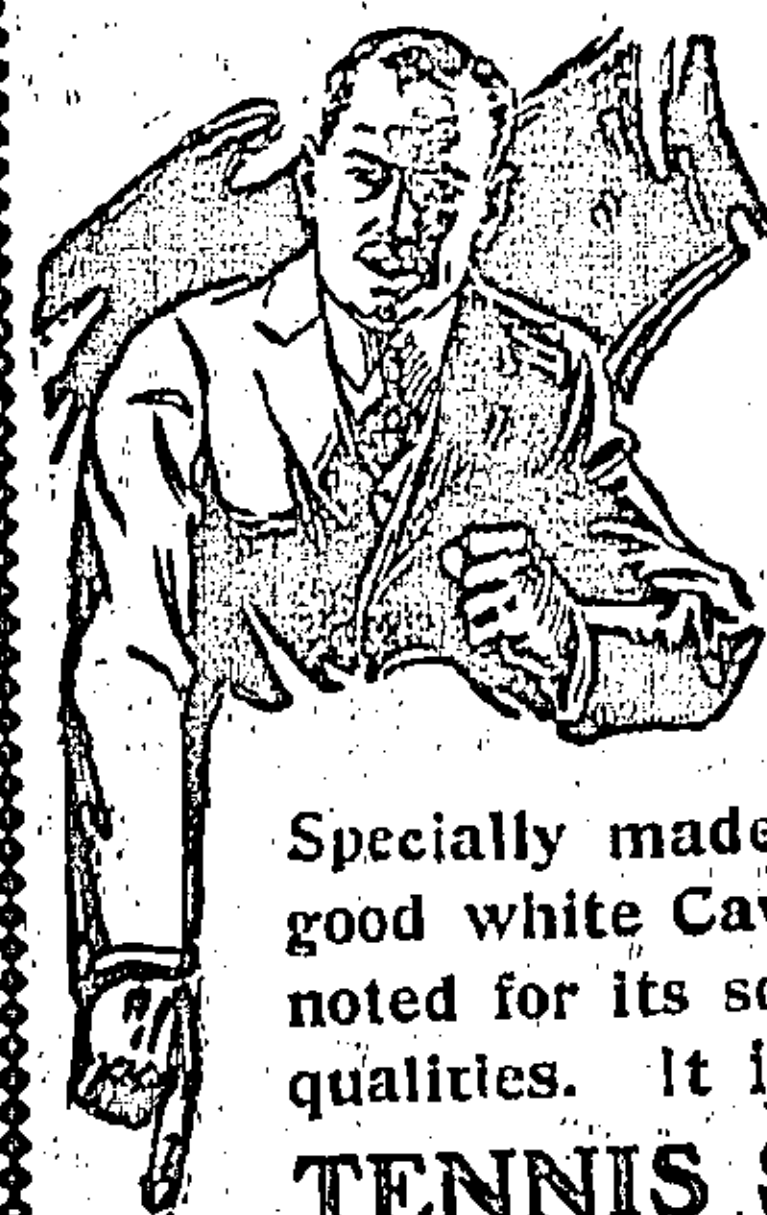
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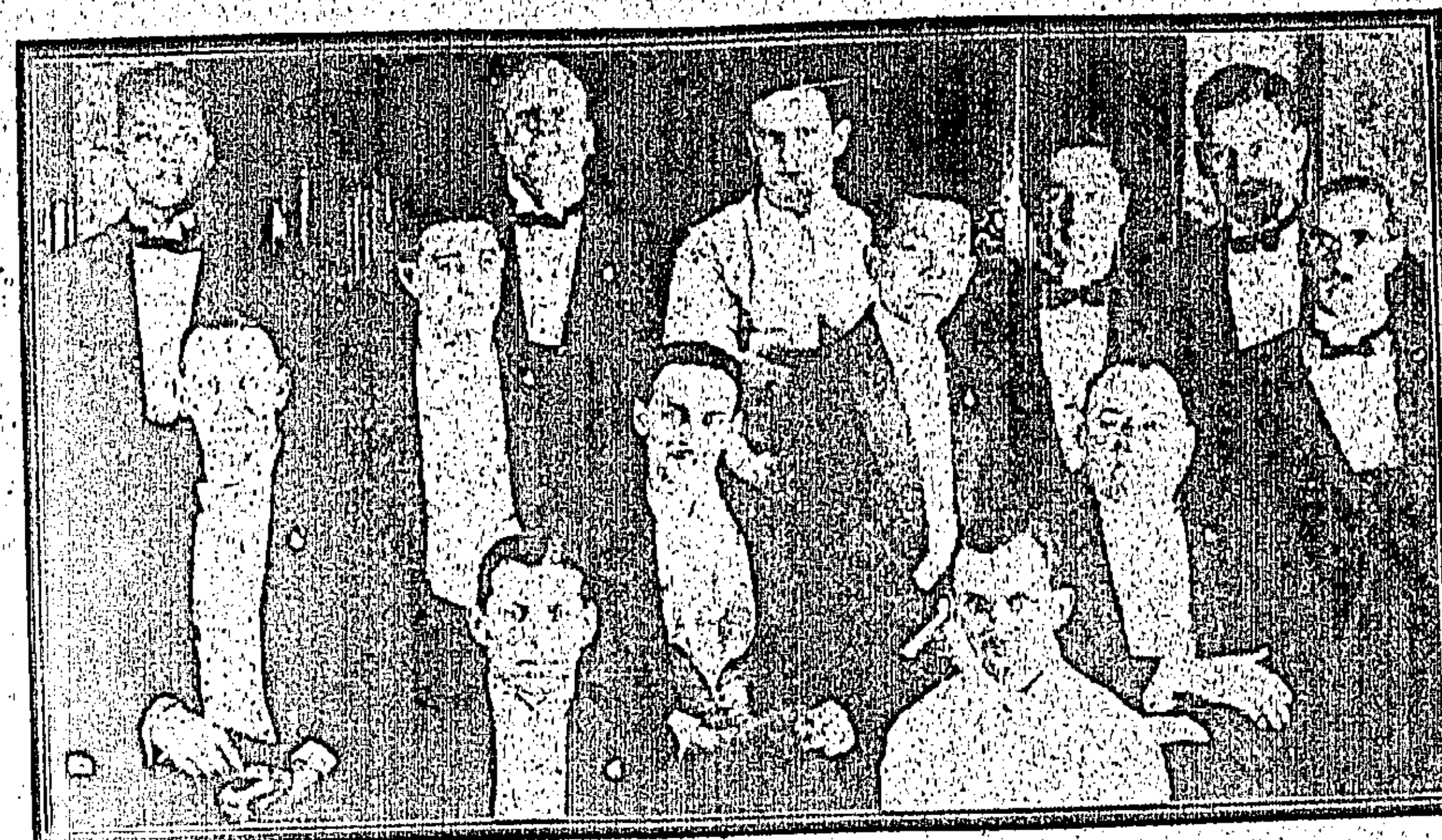
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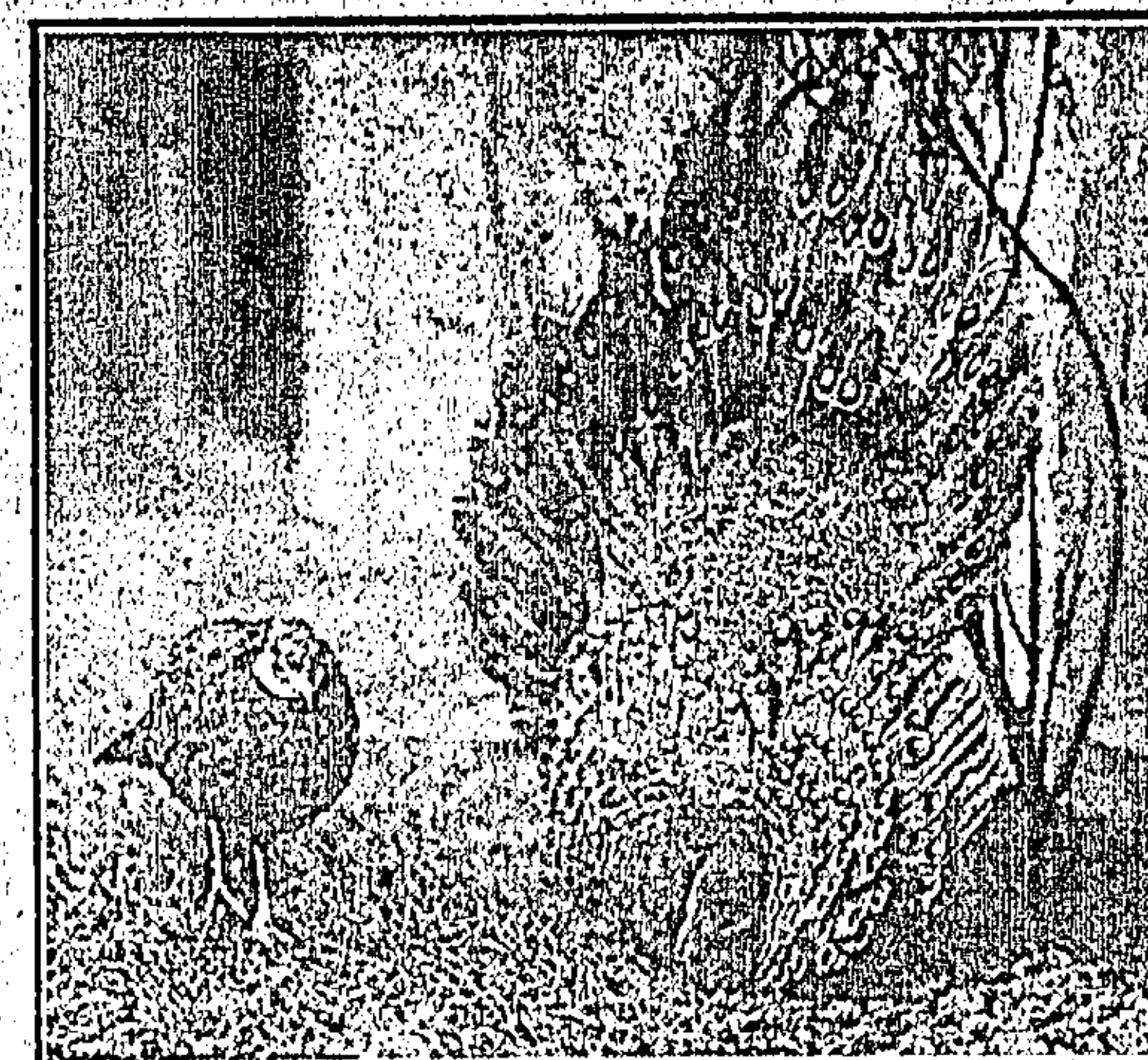
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ST. GEORGE'S NIGHT IN SHANGHAI.



St. George's night at the Majestic Hotel was the occasion for a demonstration of what the staff is capable of doing on special occasions and their work attracted the appreciation of everyone. Our picture shows the staff who had charge of the service that night. Mr. Suckling, in the centre of the group, is Shanghai manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., and at the left end of the front row is Mr. J. Williams, manager of the Majestic.

DISPLAYING HIS ATTRACTIONS.



Peacock pheasants at the London Zoological Gardens, showing the male bird with his plumage fully displayed to attract the female. The display lasts for a fraction of a second only. ("The Times" copyright photograph).

THE TRIAL FLIGHT OF THE R.33 — FIRST FOR THREE YEARS.

The British airship R. 33 getting under way at Cardington at dawn at the start of her flight to Pulham, Norfolk. There had been no previous British airship flight for over three years. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)

AT THE HARROW SCHOOL SPORTS.

A view of the Harrow School Playing Fields, during the final heats of some of the events at the Harrow School Sports. Our picture shows T. D. Hood, the winner of the High Jump (Class 11). Hood's jump was 4 ft. 9 1/2 ins. ("The Times" copyright photograph).

SHANGHAI TAIWAN'S DEPARTURE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mackay, Miss Maudie Mackay, Master Ronald Mackay, and Baby Mackay, of Shanghai, are seen on the private launch which conveyed them to the Macedonia, by which ship they left for Home recently.

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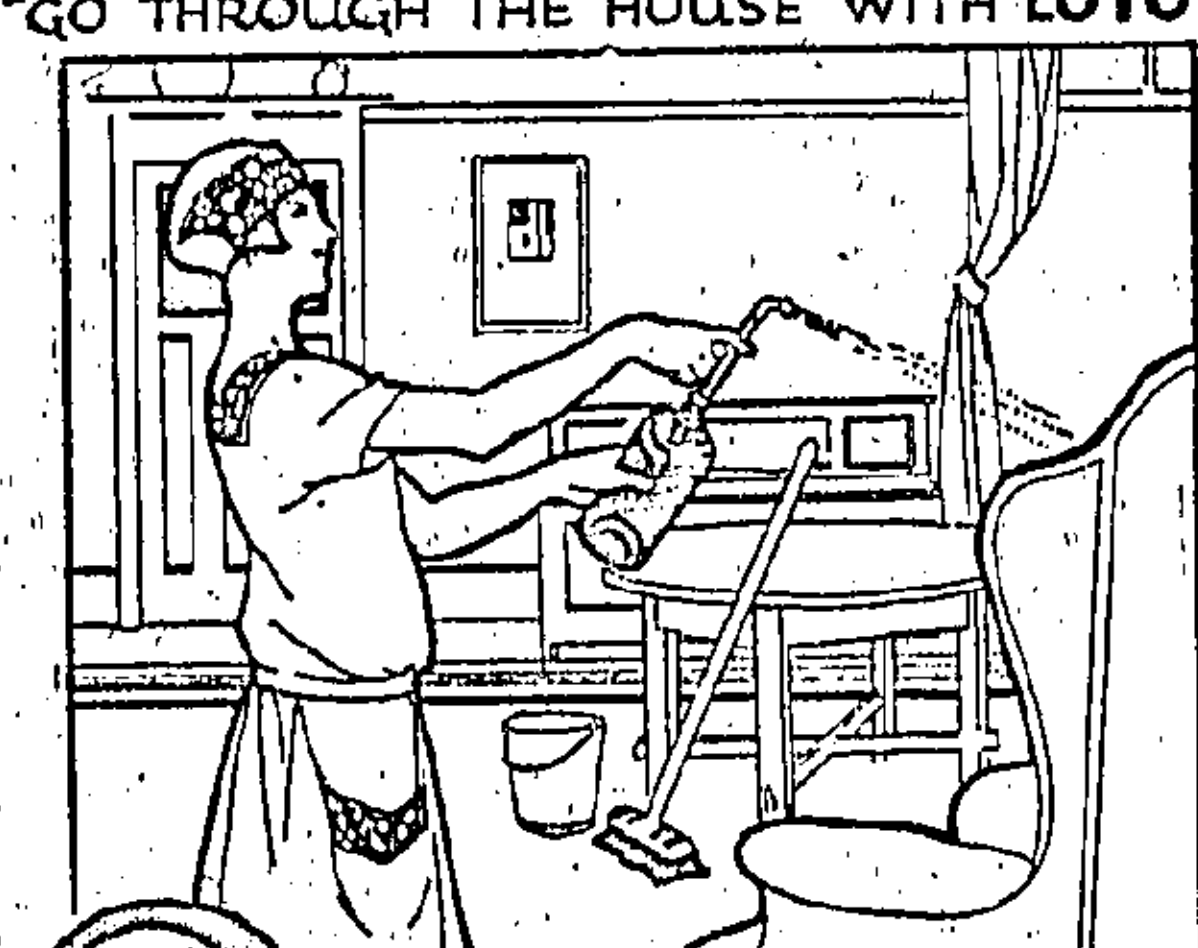
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DEFEND THE GUILTY?

"Yes," Says Judge, "But Must Not Lie."

If a prisoner confesses guilt to his defending counsel, is it proper for counsel to continue defending him before judge and jury?

Judge Bowen-Rowlands, in his recent book, "In Court and Out of Court," answers the question in the affirmative, says he defended a clergyman who had confessed to a certain offence, and quotes the late Mr. Justice Hawkins in these words—

If a prisoner confesses guilt to his counsel, it is the duty of the counsel to go on with the defence. The prisoner makes the statement for the purpose of his defence, and not to manufacture a witness against himself.

It is counsel's duty to confine himself to the task of pointing out to the jury that the evidence before the Court is insufficient to support a conviction. He should not go beyond it.

Counsel should not lie, and should not impute a crime to an innocent person; but short of that he ought, as an advocate dealing with the evidence, to do all in his power to effect the liberation of his client.

Carrying the question further, Judge Rowlands points out that since the coming of the Criminal Evidence Act, which enables prisoners to give evidence in their own behalf, "it is questionable whether counsel is entitled to aid and abet perjury by putting into the box a witness who, to his knowledge, is about to commit perjury."

This is one of the few serious passages in a big book literally packed with mirthful anecdotes.

He is ready to tell stories against himself, as witness the passage in which the late Lord Justice Mathew, referring to Judge Rowlands' address, summed up as follows: "Gentlemen, all that you have heard from the learned counsel has nothing to do with the case. Consider your verdict."

CONSIDERATE BURGLAR.

This case reminded the author of an elaborate joke by the late Lord Bowen.

"A man was charged with burglary, and it was proved that he had entered the house by 'breaking in,' and was discovered on the roof, with his boots hung round his neck. His defence was that he had seen the door open, and had entered the house and had gone on to the roof without any felonious intent."

Bowen, in his charge, said that if the jury thought that the man's presence on the roof was due to his love of fresh air, and that the locality of his boots showed that he had removed them in order not to inconvenience the sleeping occupants, they would acquit him. They did."

Of David Rees, the Welsh tinsmith worker, who was hanged for the murder of his foreman, Judge Rowlands tells us—

"The jury convicted Rees, and then a most painful thing happened. Mr. Justice Stephen sentenced Rees to death, and he was taken to the cells. There he shook hands with the warders and said good-bye, and thanked them for their kindness to him during the time he had been in prison awaiting trial."

The fact was that he did not understand English, and he thought he had been acquitted."

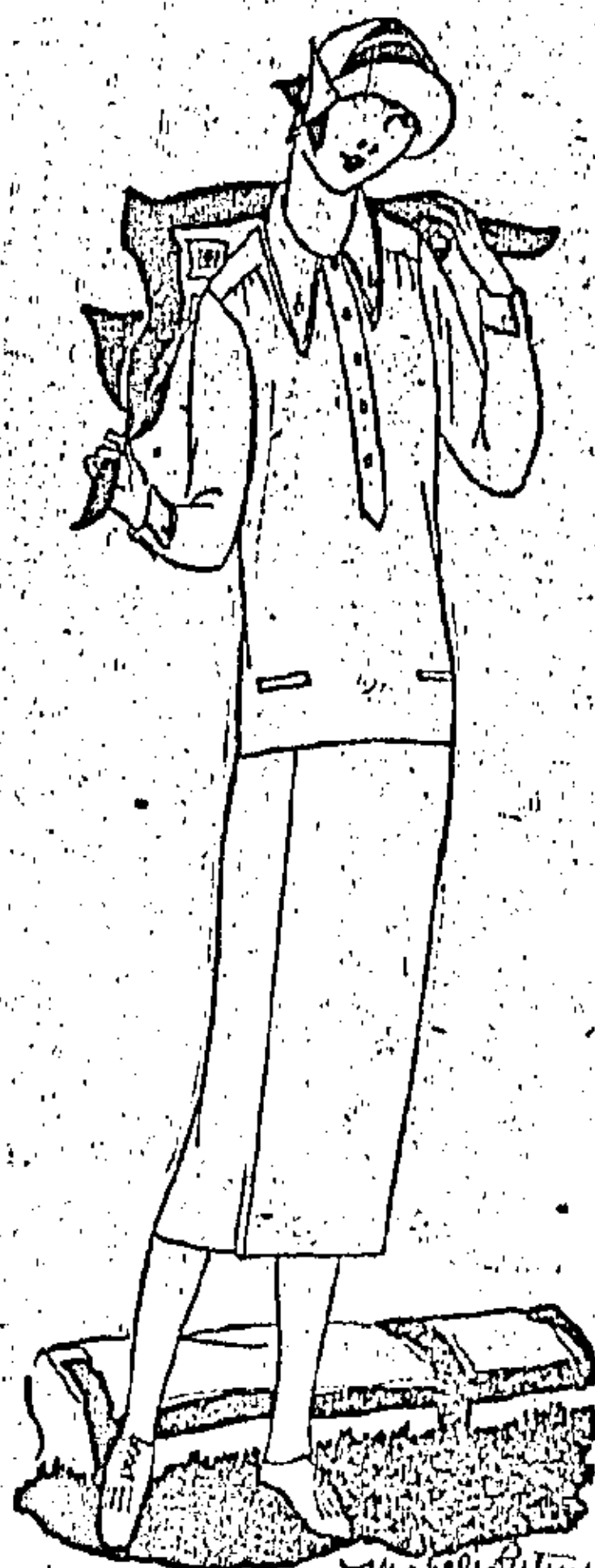
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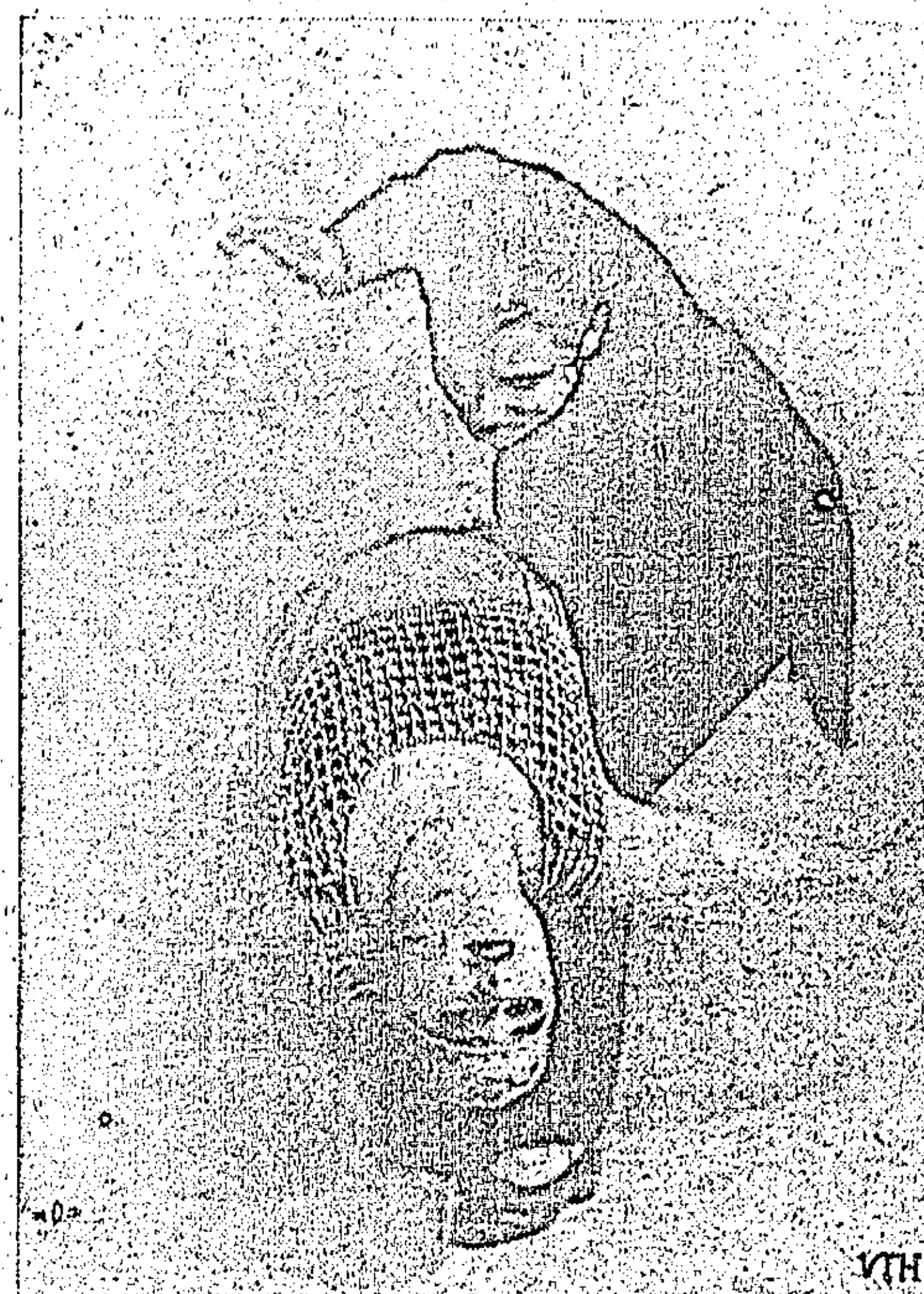
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This is pretty fooling, and there is more of it in "Sybil," but the "old families" dispossessed by these new men had been, in many cases, objects of similar mockery seventy or eighty years earlier, when they were the detested Nabobs who bought up the estates of other "good old families"—dating, perhaps, from the Whig Revolution or the Civil War. Scorn of the new men was loudly expressed after the Wars of the Roses. Doubtless the old Saxon squires looked down on the Norman invaders, and the families of genuinely long descent have never been so numerous as some people imagine. A century hence the new men of whom people make fun to-day will be lamented as the "fine old stock" driven from the land by the new rich of the twenty-first century.

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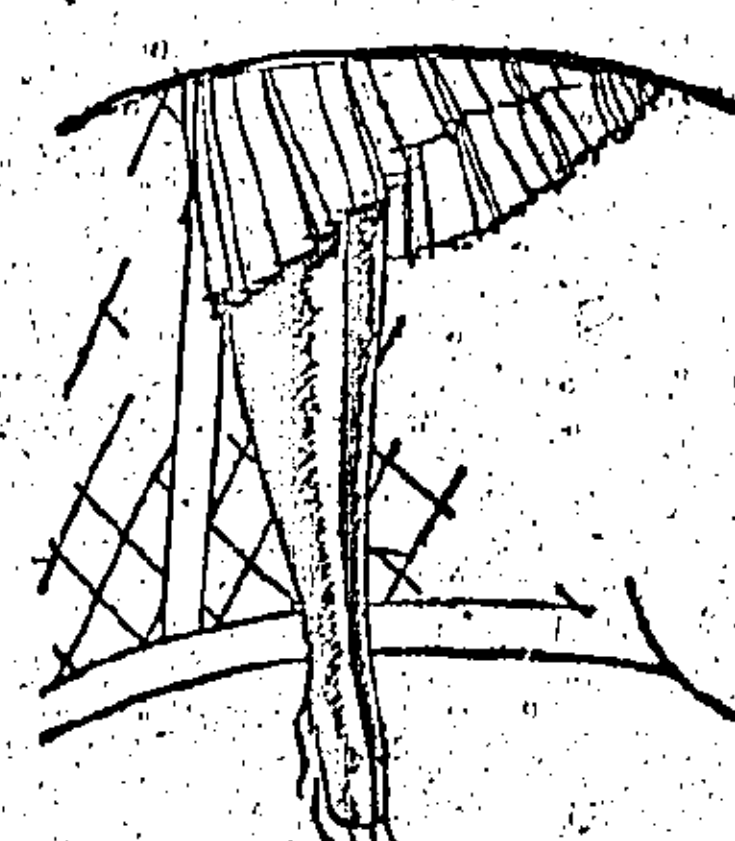
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SPECIAL MENU AT SHANGHAI HOTEL.



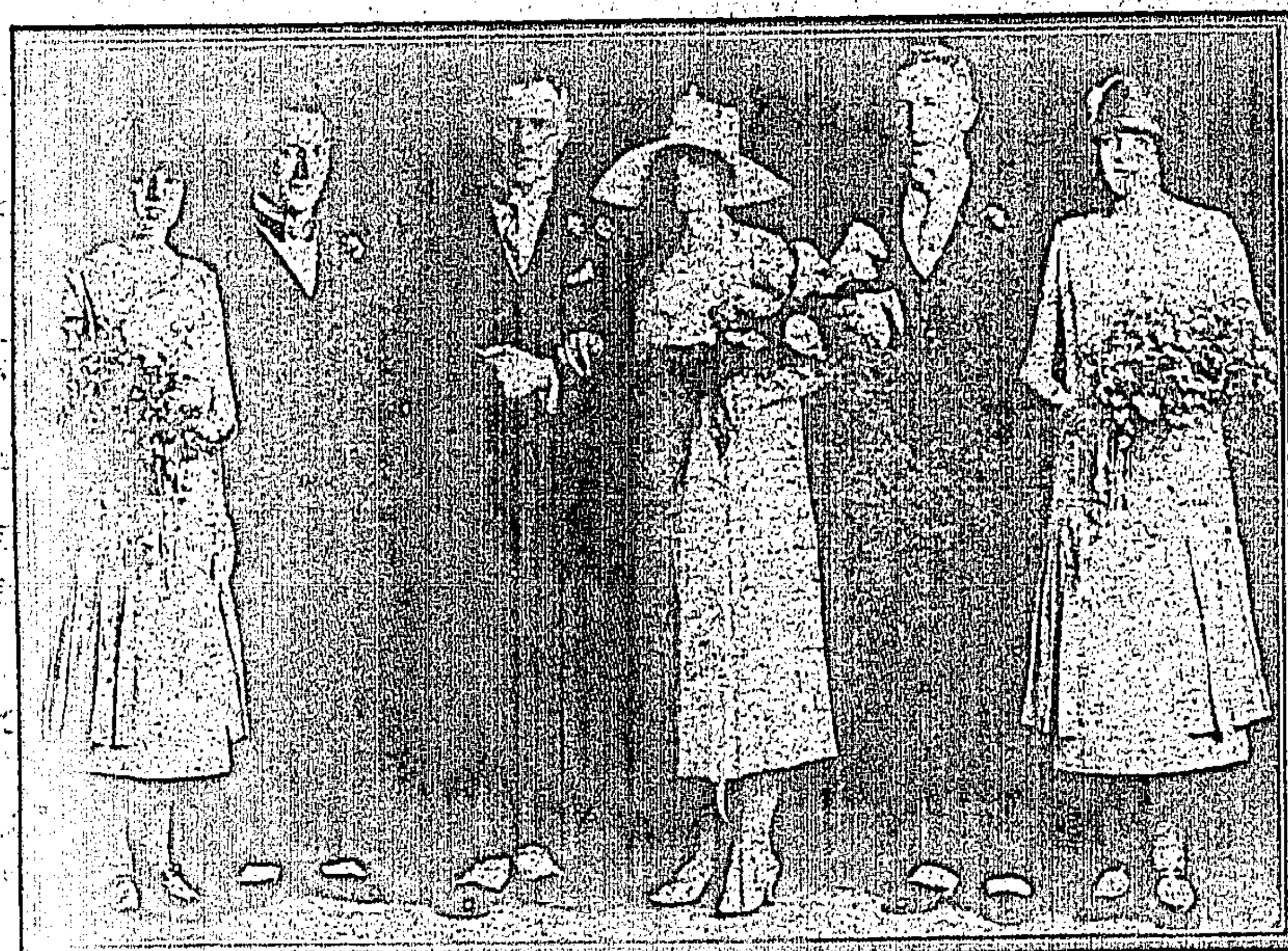
Special arrangements were made at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, to celebrate St. George's night, and many additional dishes were included in the menu. Blackpool Tower, cushions and also all sorts of clever designs of sugar were provided, together with a cold collation and dainty dishes. This picture shows the sugar ornaments and some of the staff who made them.

TYPICALLY AMERICAN.



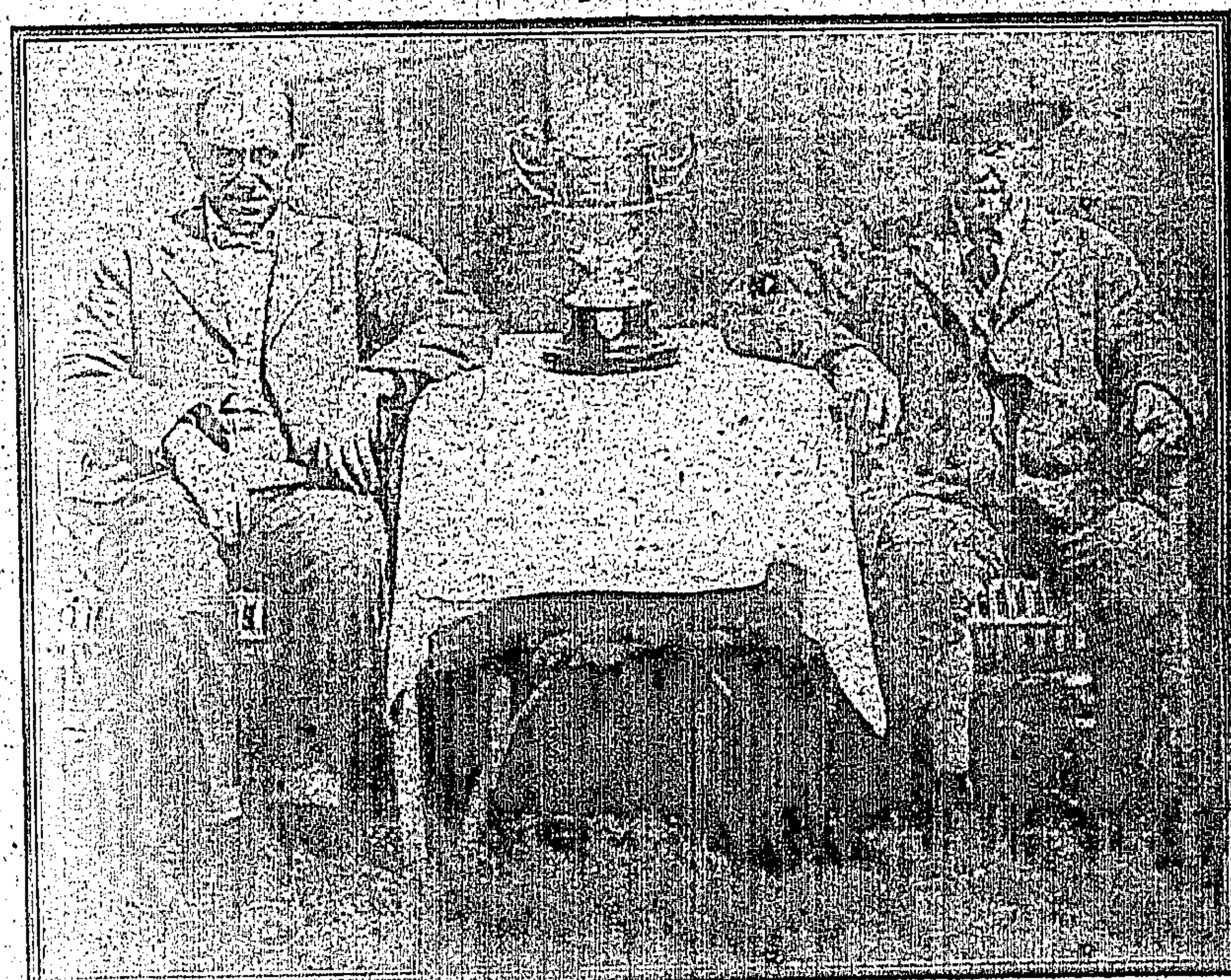
Robert Muffler's father came from Germany in 1900. His mother came from Hungary in 1907. Now Robert is known as Philadelphia's most "typical American boy" to graduate from grammar school. A medal denoting the honour was presented him by the American Legion. It was awarded on qualifications of honour, courage scholarship, leadership and service.

WEDDING BELLS AT SHANGHAI CATHEDRAL.



The pretty wedding of Miss Ann Joyce Stephan, daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Stephan, to Mr. Percy Walter Caxall, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shanghai, took place at the Cathedral there on April 25. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. M. L. Mear, Macgregor Road, where a large number of friends assembled. In the group above, reading from left to right, are:—Mr. E. A. Spiegler (usher), Mr. W. Montgomery (best man), Miss M. Kabeitz (flower girl), the bride and bridegroom, Mr. R. G. Ellis (who gave the bride away), Miss L. N. Stephan (bridesmaid and sister of the bride), and Mr. Bown (usher).

ENGLAND V. SCOTLAND IN GOLF.



One of the greatest golf battles ever waged in Shanghai was fought out recently at Kiangwan, when Mr. A. Brooke-Smith, representing England (President, St. George's Society) played Mr. Brodie A. Clarke (President, St. Andrew's Society). Mr. Brooke-Smith won the match, but he had no easy time of it. Mr. Brooke-Smith and Mr. Clarke are shown seated by the beautiful cup for which the two Societies compete twice each year. The Englishmen won the match this spring.

"WET" INSIDE.



This was a wet "world" until the police noticed its peculiar equator. Examination revealed that the northern hemisphere was detachable and that within the globe was an oasis—a liquor cache. Theoretically, the police say, this cache may be within the Volstead law as all intoxicants in the decanter were below the equator.

WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI MAN'S DEPARTURE.



This is a glimpse of the French Mail jetty at Shanghai on the occasion of the departure of Mr. E. F. Mackay who, accompanied by his family, sailed for home by the s.s. Macadonia. Mr. Mackay has been a resident of the Far East for over thirty years, spent in the service of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. He has always taken a prominent part in the activities of the port, serving on many public bodies and taking a keen interest in sport. Mr. Mackay, marked with an X at the extreme right, is surrounded by "Taikoo" friends and others.

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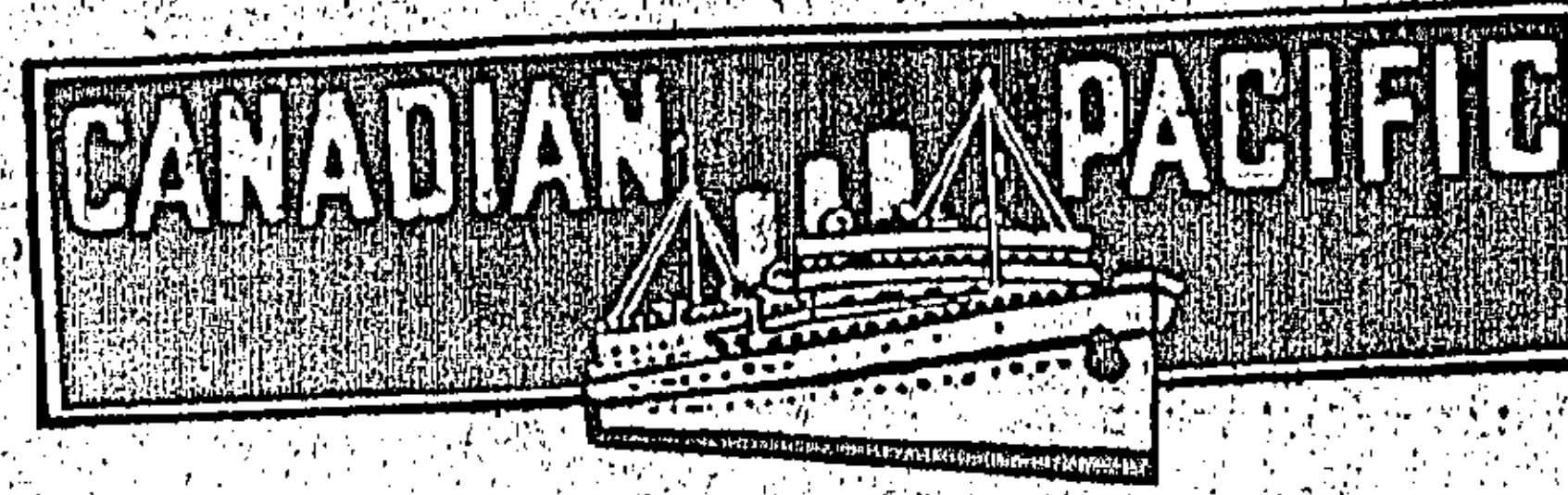
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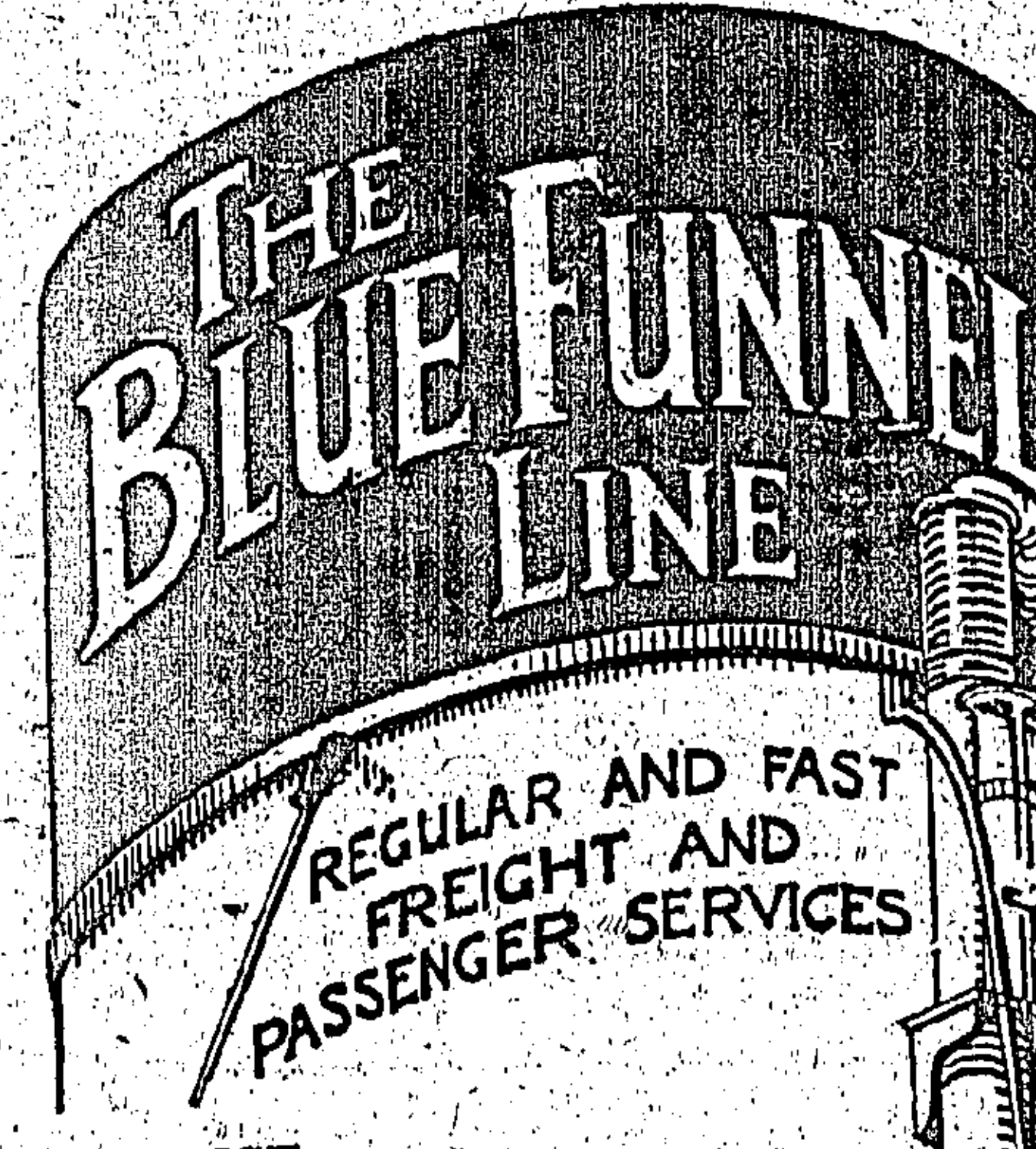
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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

Geneva, May 13.

The yearly report of the International Labour Office says that
except for the small states, the only sovereign states not yet in the
international labour organisation are the United States, Mexico,
Turkey, Egypt and Russia, but the labour office has been able to
establish relations with them.

Dealing with the Russian and American refugees it estimates
the Russian refugees at 1,500,000 and Armenians at 320,000. The
work of distributing the refugees has hardly begun yet but it is hoped
that the problem will be solved by vigorous and sustained adminis-
trative action.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN TYRE COSTS.

London, May 13.

In consequence of the rise in the price of rubber, tyre manu-
facturers are increasing their prices ten per cent.—Reuter.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

London, May 13.

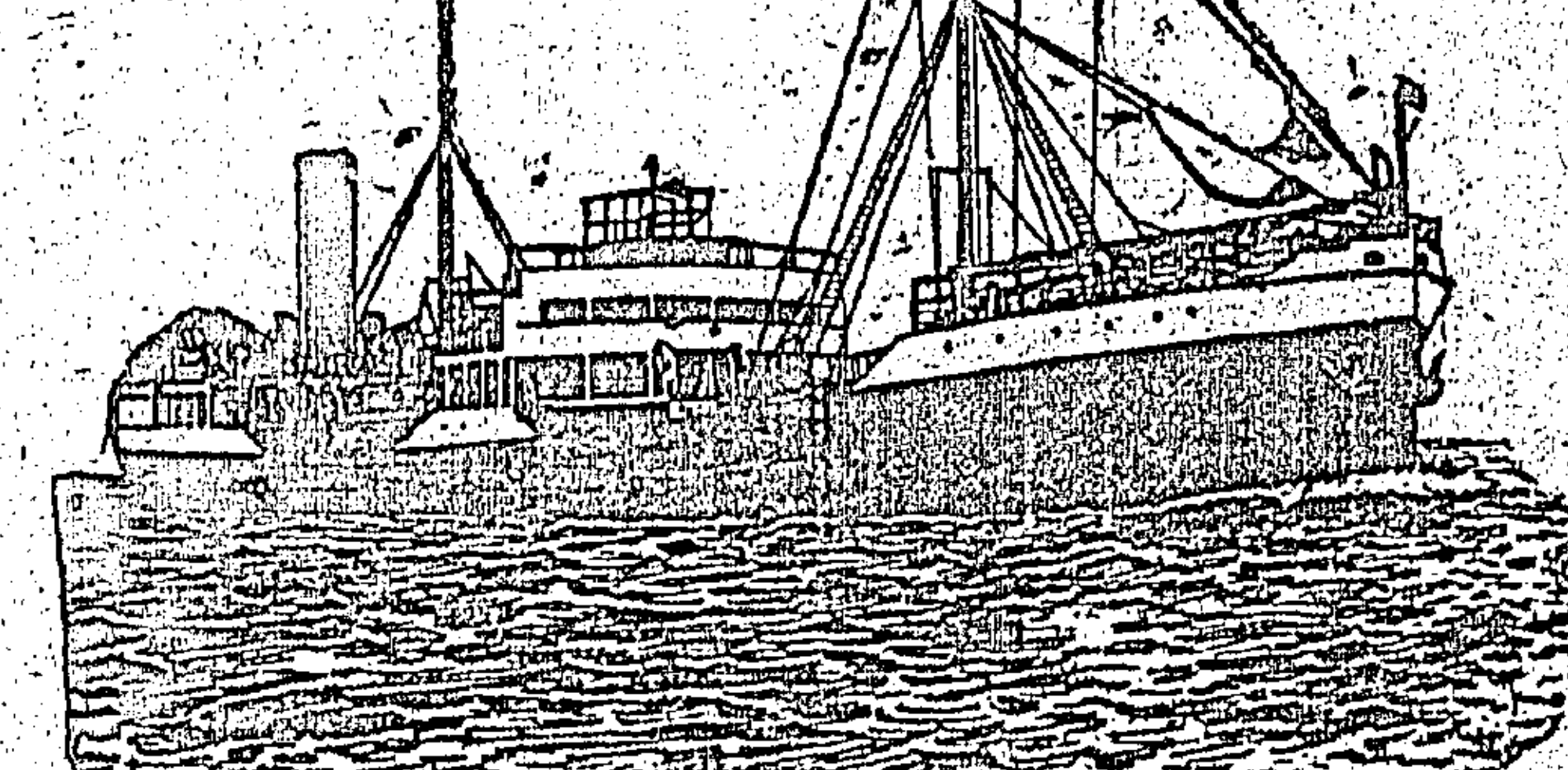
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ed unless notice to the contrary
be given before 7th inst.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 13th
inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 23rd inst.
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damag-
ed Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 13th inst. at 10
a.m. by our surveyors Messrs
Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been
affected.

Bill of Lading will be counter-
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Hongkong, May. 7th. 1925.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 16th. May 1925, will be subject to rent.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon. the 18th instant, at noon, will

All claims must be sent in to me on or before Wed.,

All damaged packages will be examined on Saturday, the 16th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSER,
Agent.

Hongkong, 11th May 1925.

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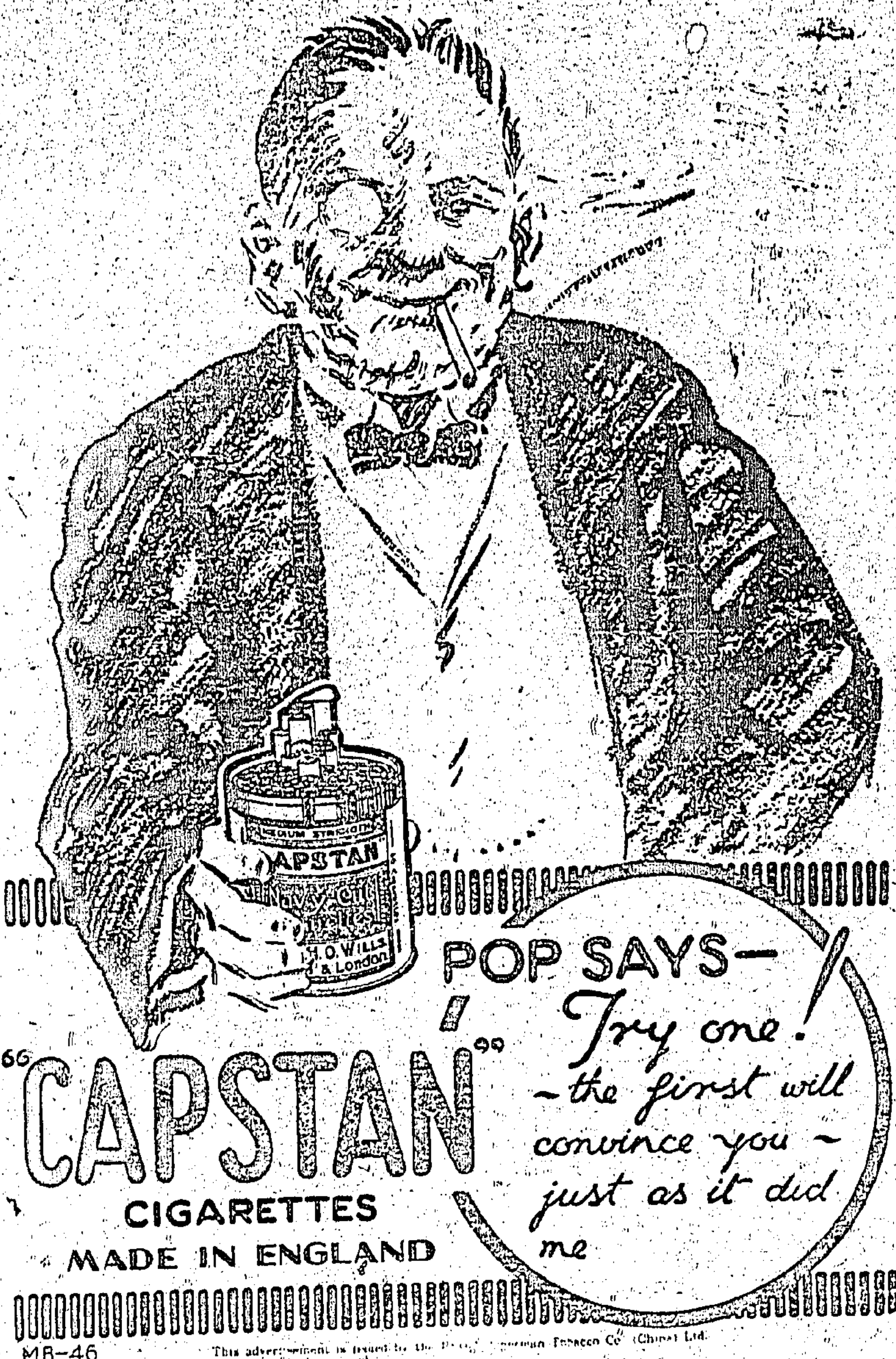
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WEATHER REPORT.

May 14d. 11h. 00m.—Pressure
has decreased considerably over
Shantung and south Japan, and
increased moderately over north
Japan and the lower Yangtze
Valley; it has decreased slightly
elsewhere.

The anticyclone is moving
eastward into the Pacific; the
depression is now central to the
east of Shantung, with a pro-

bable secondary in the Eastern
Sea, and a shallow trough of
relatively low pressure is indicat-
ed over the northern China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,
0.00 inch. Total since January
1st, 22.02 inches, against an
average of 15.77 inches.
FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.
District. Forecast.

1 Formosa Channel

Light
southerly
or variable
winds.

2 South coast of

E. to S.
or variable
winds,

3 H'kong to Gap

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fine

4 South coast of

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one of the seven gallant
officers and men of the Bowes
Castle who, when the height of

the 1923 typhoon had passed,
embarking in a small boat
with the wind blowing at hur-
ricane force and a confused
high sea running, were away
for 5½ hours and succeeded in
rescuing three men. His Excel-
lency said that His Majesty had
been pleased to confer silver
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and men of the Bowes Castle,
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in connection with the same
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